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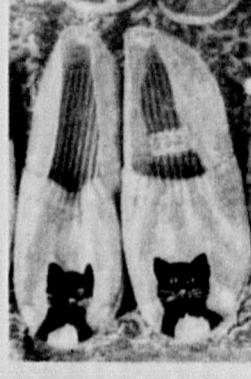
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Showing leadership through scouting

John Clay reaches Eagle rank

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If someone had told John Clay 10 years ago that he was going to become an Eagle Scout, he probably wouldn't have believed it—or worse, despaired. At the time, he was doing his best to get out of Cub Scouts and had built a reputation with troop leaders that, well, was nothing to brag about.

"I was a bit of a pill," Clay, a senior at Cohasset High

School, admits now. In the early years, he only stuck with scouting because his parents didn't give him a choice.

It all turned around for Clay after a long hike, during which he'd been amusing himself by throwing acorns at the Scoutmaster's son, Robbie Hillman. That night, Clay's parents made him call up Hillman and apologize.

"That set me back on the trail I wanted to be on," said Clay. "It helped my relationship with Robbie and his dad and went a long way

in helping me be a better scout."

It wasn't long before a peer noticed Clay's leadership potential and urged Scoutmaster Rob Hillman to give him some responsibility. Hillman said that Clay was all-in after that.

"When John was first asked to be in a leadership position, it was obvious that he was very good at this and would go very far," said Hillman.

And he has. From troop leader to patrol leader to

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Eagle Scout John Clay, 17, of Troop 28 stands by the gate and fence that he installed at Holly Hill Farm for his Eagle Scout project to prevent wildlife from eating vegetables in a garden. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/ ROBIN CHAN

SPECIAL REPORT

Costly winter hits home



Damage to this roof and garage is a current reminder of the damage caused by the multiple snowstorms the region endured during the winter of 2015. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO / STUART GREEN

Consumer advocates take aim at soaring insurance rates

By Gerry Tuoti
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Following a winter that caused an estimated \$2.4 billion in losses in the Northeast, a recent spike in Massachusetts home insurance premiums is drawing the scrutiny of lawmakers and consumer advocates alike.

"I'm keeping an open mind here, so I'm stopping short of saying any particular rate increase is excessive," said state Sen. Michael Barrett, D-Lexington, chairman of the Senate Committee on Post Audit and Oversight. "But

Insurance rate hikes

Average Massachusetts home insurance rate increases filed in 2015.

Green Mountain Ins.	9.7%
General Casualty Ins.	9.2%
Safety Ins.	9.1%
Mapfre Ins.	8.9%
Stillwater Prop. & Casualty	7.8%
Plymouth Rock Group	7.7%
Harleysville Ins.	6.4%
USAA	6.3%
Bankers Standard	6%
Norfolk & Dedham	5.8%
Safeco Ins.	5.7%
Utica Mutual	4.9%
Encompass Ins. Co.	4%

Source: Division of Insurance

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Insurance claims through the roof

By Amanda C. Thompson
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Most people probably aren't ready to hear the word "snow" again yet, but with insurance rates on the rise and the Farmer's Almanac predicting a "colder and snowier" winter than usual, the coming winter is the abominable snowman in the room for homeowners.

"The coldest period will be in mid-January," predicts the Almanac. "Precipitation will be slightly above normal, with the snowiest periods in mid- and late December, early

UPDATE

Senior Center

Negotiations on Willett Commons

By Amanda C. Thompson
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It's been six years since the idea of building a new senior center was born, and nearly six months since voters resoundingly supported the purchase of the new Willett Commons building for that use at Annual Town Meeting.

Since then, Cohasset's senior population has been straddling the gap between their old location at the Community Center and their new one at 91 Sohier Street. Many of them have expressed confusion — has Elder Affairs moved? Hasn't it? — and they aren't the only ones: even the chairman of the Council on Elder Affairs, Paul Kierce, doesn't know what's going on.

"It's been closed negotiations since May," said Kierce. "It's all inside baseball. Now there's hearsay. We're looking for clarity; people want some commitment."

The subject will come before the Board of Selectmen on Tuesday, Sept. 22, for discussion.

"We're making progress, but it's complicated because of how it was funded," explained Town Manager Chris Senior. "There are more i's to dot and t's to cross than usual. Because there's history involved, that means there are emotions involved too instead of just a transaction. The building is done, but that's the easiest part of this whole thing."

The town will be purchasing the building from the Social Service League, which built it using a trust fund established by the 1924 will of summer resident Mary Hooper.

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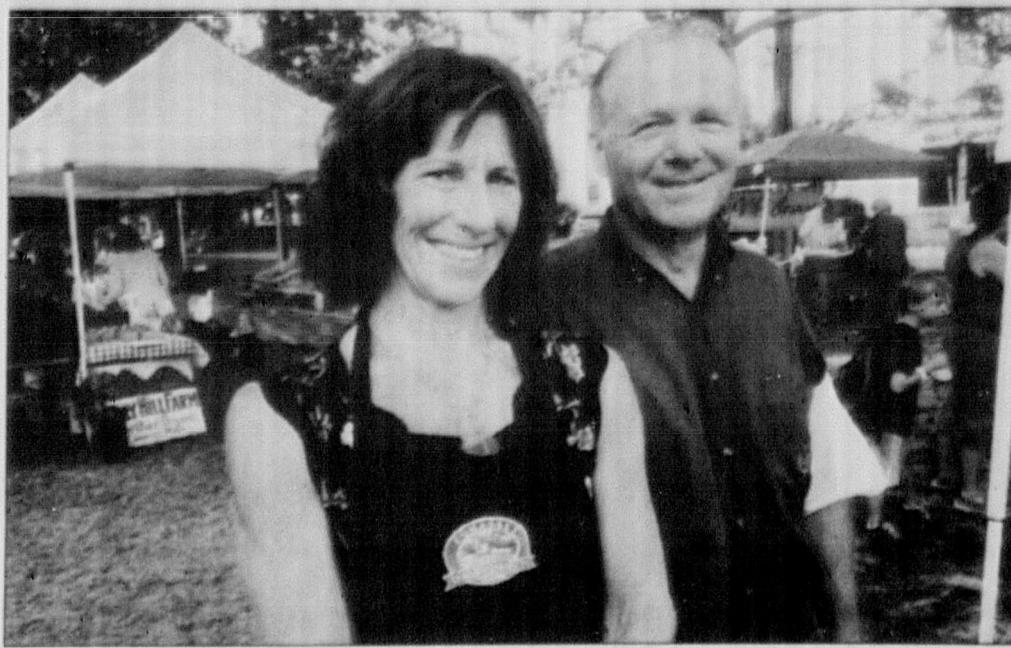
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The Mariner caught up with Michele and Michael Hubley at the Cohasset Farmers Market. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO BY AMANDA THOMPSON

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CMHS sings Star Spangled Banner

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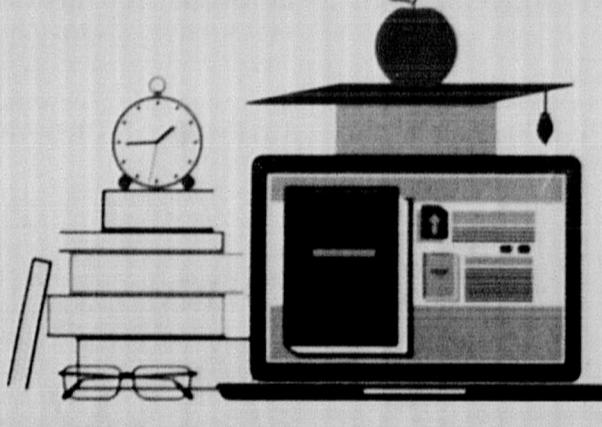
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Michele & Michael Hubley

Names: Michele and Michael Hubley**Occupations:** Co-Managers Cohasset Farmers Market, Chief Compliance Officer, HR Director, Appleton Partners, Inc. (Michele). Owner, Executive Search Partners, Search firm Energy Industry (Michael).**Best day of your life:** Minot Beach, Aug. 2, 1999 when we decided to make a life together for ourselves and our families. (Michele & Michael).**Best vacation:** Anna Maria Island (Michele). Horseback riding pack trip in Wyoming (Michael).**Favorite season:** Summer - the sounds and the longer days (Michele). Spring - everything starts to grow (Michael).**Favorite holiday:** Fourth of July because usually our kids & grandkids come home (Michele). Fourth of July - great food at Mike and Anna's (Michael).**Favorite junk food or meal:**

Pizza (Michele). Cinnamon rolls (Michael).

Best book: "The Little Engine that Could" (Michele). "Fooled by Randomness" (Michael).**Best movie:** "Sound of Music" (Michele). "October Sky" (Michael).**Best TV show:** I don't know. I never get the remote! (Michele). Boston Bruins Playoff Hockey (Michael).**Best music, group, or artist:** Sugarland (Michele). Rolling Stones (Michael).**Pet peeve:** When people assume my '91 F250 diesel Farm Truck belongs to my husband (Michele). When the Weather Channel forecasts rain on Farmers Market days and we don't have a drop (Michael).**Fun fact:** I love to shop (seriously shop) at Truck Stops during a road trip (Michele).**Dumbest thing you've ever done:** When I was 9, my friend and I thought we'd see

what would happen when we put a match to gunpowder. It blew the door off the house (Michael).

Goal: To provide a platform with the Cohasset Farmers Market that nurtures community, entrepreneurship, healthy living and awareness of where our food comes from (Michele & Michael).**Person you'd most like to meet:** My maternal grandfather Nicola Simeone who emigrated from Italy to Cohasset in 1918 (Michele).**Biggest worry:** Being misunderstood (Michele). That the food we eat is causing us harm (Michael).**Best part of Cohasset:** The commitment to community and preserving the traditions of a small town (Michele). The Cohasset Farmers Market (Michael).

Compiled by Mary Ford.

COHASSET ELDER AFFAIRS

Cohasset Café is back in the swing

Cohasset Elder Affairs events and activities scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays will take place at Willcutt Commons, 91 Sohier St. Others will remain at 3 North Main St. unless otherwise stated. Call 781-383-9112 for reservations to ALL events.

Transportation to Farmers' Market: Cohasset Elder Affairs now offers van transportation for non-driving seniors to the Thursday Farmers' Market

on Cohasset Common. Pick-ups will begin at 1:45 p.m. with a return at 3 p.m. Call 48-hours in advance if interested in a ride.

Welcome Back, Cohasset Café! This popular Monday morning breakfast, sponsored by the Friends of Cohasset Elder Affairs is back in swing for the fall season. Join others at Willcutt Commons, 91 Sohier St., from 9 to 11 a.m. for delicious baked treats, coffee, tea and casual conversation. No reservations required.

Requested donation, \$3.

Tuesday, Sept 22, 7 p.m.

Social Security Presentation. Kelly Shanahan, of Global View Capital Advisors helps take the fear out of financial decisions through education and knowledge. Learn how you qualify, how the application process works, and how to maximize social security benefits. Light refreshments will be available. Free program, but call to reserve your spot. 781-383-9112. At Cohasset Lightkeepers.

Ongoing Programs

Lunches: Tuesday-Thursday, noon Meals provided by local restaurants and talented Cohasset cooks. Reservations requested no later than 24-hours in advance. Willcutt Commons, 91 Sohier St. Voluntary donation, \$3.

Reiki: Second Wednesday of the month, 15 minute treatments to help heal and reduce stress. By appointment, 1-2:30, at 91 Sohier St. \$3.

South Shore Tide Chart

COHASSET HARBOR (WHITE HEAD)

SEP. 2015	HIGH				LOW				SUNRISE	SUNSET
	AM	HGT.	PM	HGT.	AM	HGT.	PM	HGT.		
Thursday 17	2:23	8.8	2:37	9.0	8:21	0.8	8:47	0.6	6:24	6:49
Friday 18	3:04	8.5	3:17	8.9	9:02	1.0	9:30	0.7	6:25	6:48
Saturday 19	3:47	8.3	4:01	8.8	9:45	1.2	10:17	0.8	6:27	6:46
Sunday 20	4:35	8.1	4:50	8.8	10:33	1.3	11:08	0.9	6:28	6:44
Monday 21	5:26	8.0	5:42	8.8	11:25	1.4			6:29	6:42
Tuesday 22	6:22	8.0	6:39	9.0	12:03	0.8	12:22	1.3	6:30	6:40
Wednesday 23	7:20	8.2	7:38	9.3	1:01	0.6	1:20	1.0	6:31	6:39
Thursday 24	8:17	8.7	8:37	9.7	1:58	0.3	2:19	0.6	6:32	6:37

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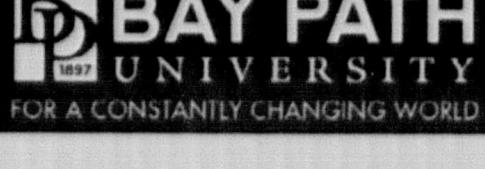
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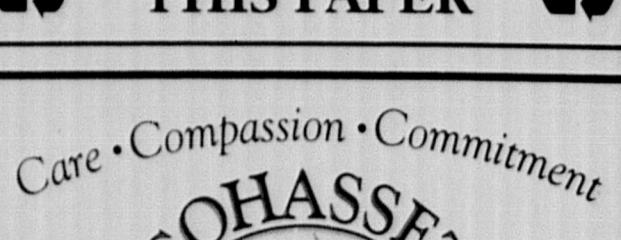
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POLICE BEAT

Rear-end accidents piling up on 3A

By Mary Ford
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■ At 7:36 a.m. on Wednesday (Sept. 9), police and fire responded to a three-car, rear-end accident on King Street by Cohasset House of Pizza. Police said a 2011 Ford Explorer, operated by a 44-year-old Marshfield man, hit a 2013 Ford van, operated by a 27-year-old Marshfield man, in traffic. The vehicles were traveling north. The impact of the crash pushed the Ford van into a 2011 Ford Econoline van, operated by a 47-year-old Marshfield man. The Ford Explorer had heavy front-end damage and the 2013 Ford van was damaged in the front and rear. Both were towed. The Econoline van did not have to be towed. The operator of the Explorer was cited for following too closely on a state highway.

■ There was a rear-end accident at around 8:46 a.m. on Thursday (Sept. 10) on Chief Justice Cushing Highway (3A) near Hingham Lumber. A 2010

Mazda sedan, operated by a 34-year-old Hingham woman, hit a 2013 GMC Yukon, operated by a 42-year-old Scituate woman, from behind when the Yukon slowed in traffic. The Yukon then hit a 2005 Ford pickup truck, operated by a 37-year-old Quincy man. The Mazda was towed due to heavy front-end damage; there were no reported injuries. The operator of the Mazda was cited for following too closely on a state highway.

■ At 11:51 a.m. on Friday (Sept. 11), there was a two-car, rear-end accident on Chief Justice Cushing Highway (3A) at Pond Street. A 2003 Chevrolet Tahoe, operated by a 34-year-old Cohasset man, was headed north when the Tahoe hit a 2004 Ford sedan from behind; the sedan was operated by a 59-year-old Ipswich man. The Ipswich man called police after the driver of the Tahoe that had front-end damage took off after they attempted to exchange paperwork, saying he was late for the

train. Police located the Tahoe in the MBTA lot and checks through the registry showed the Cohasset man's license had expired in 2007 and the vehicle was unregistered. The Tahoe was towed and the driver is being summonsed to court on charges of unlicensed operation and operating an unregistered motor vehicle.

Embers

A resident off Atlantic Avenue reported to police on Monday (Sept. 7) that embers from a bonfire at Sandy Cove blew over and scorched his boat. The resident said the boat did not sustain major damage but wanted the incident logged, police said.

Defecation

A 23-year-old Cohasset man notified police last week that his neighbor, who is 63, defecated outside and threw the feces over the fence into his yard. Police said the

younger man also said this is an ongoing problem in that his neighbor also relieves himself outside.

Police spoke to the 63-year-old man, who denied the activity. Police sent a copy of the report to the Board of Health. Police said currently they do not have any proof to pursue charges.

Broken axle

A 1995 boat trailer with broken axle that was being towed by a 2011 Jeep Cherokee blocked traffic on S. Main Street for a time on Wednesday (Sept. 9) until the trailer could be towed away. The operator of the Jeep was a 31-year-old Cohasset man.

Theft

A 17-year-old Cohasset boy reported that between 4 to 5:30 on Thursday (Sept. 10), someone took his iPhone 6 out of his backpack that was in his 2001 BMW station wagon parked in the main parking lot of Cohasset Middle High

School. The windows of the vehicle were down and it was unlocked. The incident is being investigated by the school resource officer.

Theft

A 30-year-old Scituate woman in a neighborhood off Jerusalem Road reported to police on Sunday (Sept. 13) that she believed a house guest, who had been acting in a bizarre manner, stole some of her makeup and jewelry with a total value of about \$4,000.

MV stop/tow

Police had a 2013 Ford Explorer towed following a traffic stop near West Corner on Sunday (Sept. 13) around 5 p.m. An officer on radar patrol stopped the vehicle because it was unregistered. The driver, a 24-year-old Hull man, was issued a \$105 citation and is being summonsed to court for operating an unregistered motor vehicle. He was unable to renew the plates online, police said.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Landlord accused of harassment of tenant

A commercial landlord in Cohasset accused of bias-motivated harassment and threats has agreed to compensate his tenant, an Egyptian immigrant and restaurant owner, and has been ordered to permanently stay away from the tenant, his family, and his employees, Attorney General Maura Healey announced last week.

The consent judgment, entered Thursday (Sept. 10) in Norfolk Superior Court against Roger Q. Hill, resolves allegations that he violated the state's civil rights and consumer protection acts by engaging in a pattern of threatening, intimidating, and coercive behavior toward his tenant, the owner of Route 3A Pizza & Grill. The judgment orders Hill to provide more than \$30,000 in compensation, stop the alleged harassment, and stay away from the tenant on a permanent basis.

"Bias and prejudice have

no place in the operation of Massachusetts businesses," AG Healey said. "We allege that this landlord repeatedly interfered with his tenant's ability to run a family-owned business in a safe and inclusive environment. Our office will stand up for the rights of individuals victimized by harassment."

According to the complaint, filed in March 2014, the harassment began in 2008 shortly after the tenant and his family started operating

Route 3A Pizza & Grill on Hill's commercial property in Cohasset.

The alleged harassment included repeated use of ethnic slurs towards the tenant, members of his family, and his employees, frequent unjustified interruptions of the restaurant's business activities, and multiple unfounded complaints to the police. Hill also allegedly threatened the tenant's life and compared one of his employees to the terrorists

who flew planes into the World Trade Center.

Under the terms of the settlement, Hill will pay the restaurant owner \$15,000 and forgive more than \$15,000 in rent.

Hill has also been permanently enjoined from entering the business (except in emergency situations) or approaching within 20 feet of the tenant, other members of the tenant's family, or the tenant's employees.

The Attorney General's Office brought this action, following a referral from the Cohasset Police Department, under the Massachusetts Civil Rights Act (MCRA) and the Massachusetts Consumer Protection Act.

Under the MCRA, the AG's Office may obtain injunctions against individuals who threaten, intimidate, or coerce victims because of their membership in a protected

class – such as race, religion, sexual orientation, or disability – or because they are exercising their rights, such as the right to use public ways or places, the right to use and enjoy one's property, or the right to associate freely.

This case was handled by Assistant Attorney General Kimberly Strovink of AG Healey's Civil Rights Division, along with Civil Investigator Christine Junod.

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TWO EVENTS

Cohasset remembers 9/11

By Amanda C. Thompson
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Despite inclement weather, Cohasset did not forget the nation's fallen last Friday, September 11th. The morning kicked off with a modest memorial service by the large flagpole on the Common, led by Fire Chief Bob Silvia.

Reverend Gary Ritts delivered heartfelt remarks. Tommy Olson, a Cohasset High School freshman and Troop 28 Life Scout, played Taps on the bugle. A moment of silence preceded the ringing of church bells. Then, soggy and chilled, guests proceeded to the fire station to warm up with coffee and conversation.

Of those who are with this community only in memory, perhaps most sharply felt that morning was the absence of Tommy Wigmore, who spearheaded most of the memorial services and activities in town before losing his fight with brain cancer on July 4th.

This was the first service the town has hosted without Wigmore in many years. But neither his absence nor the weather could dampen the spirits of his widow, Dee Wigmore, who made an appearance at both the service and



Tommy Olson, 14, plays Taps during 9/11 tribute on Cohasset Common, flanked by the Cohasset American Legion Color Guard. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO / MARK JARRET CHAVOUS



Seventh graders join the rest of Cohasset Middle-High School in singing the National Anthem on the football field on Friday, Sept. 11, 2015. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO / ROBIN CHAN

2001.

Principal Carolyn Connolly, in her opening remarks, recognized that it's time for a new approach to the remembrance of this date for those who were not yet alive, or who were still in diapers, when hijacked airplanes took out the World Trade Center towers, crashed into the Pentagon and a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

After the principal's remarks, Senior Class President Dan Toomey read a patriotic essay titled "I Am the Flag," originally by Howard Schnauber.

At 1 p.m., the middle-high

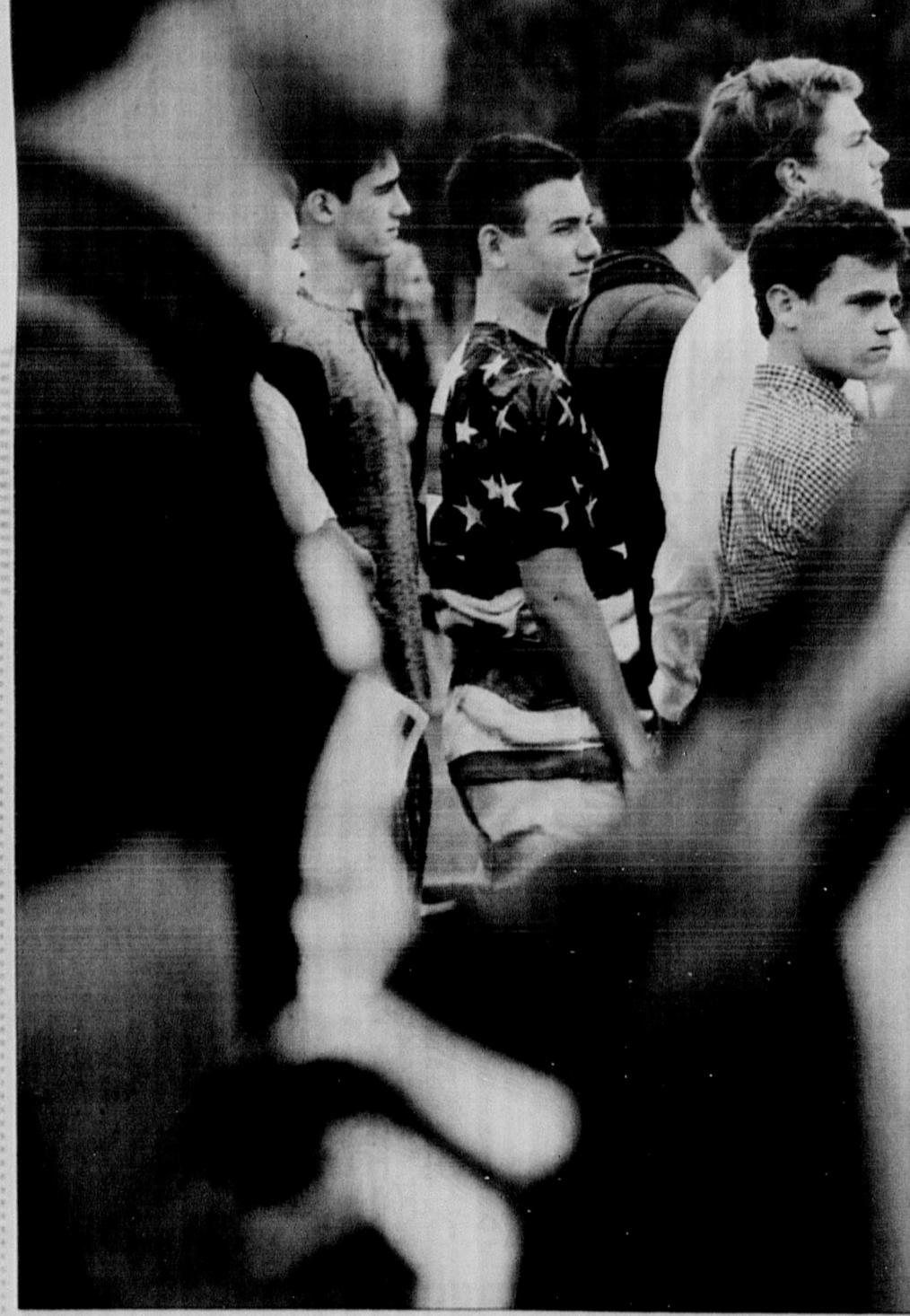
school joined students across the nation in singing the National Anthem in an effort coordinated by the American Public Education Foundation. The event, branded as "Oh Say Can You Sing," attracted hundreds

of thousands of school-age children to participate.

The foundation's website states that the sing-along "aims to bring students together - as the world came together - on September 12, 2001."

Connolly said she hopes the school-wide sing-along will become an annual tradition.

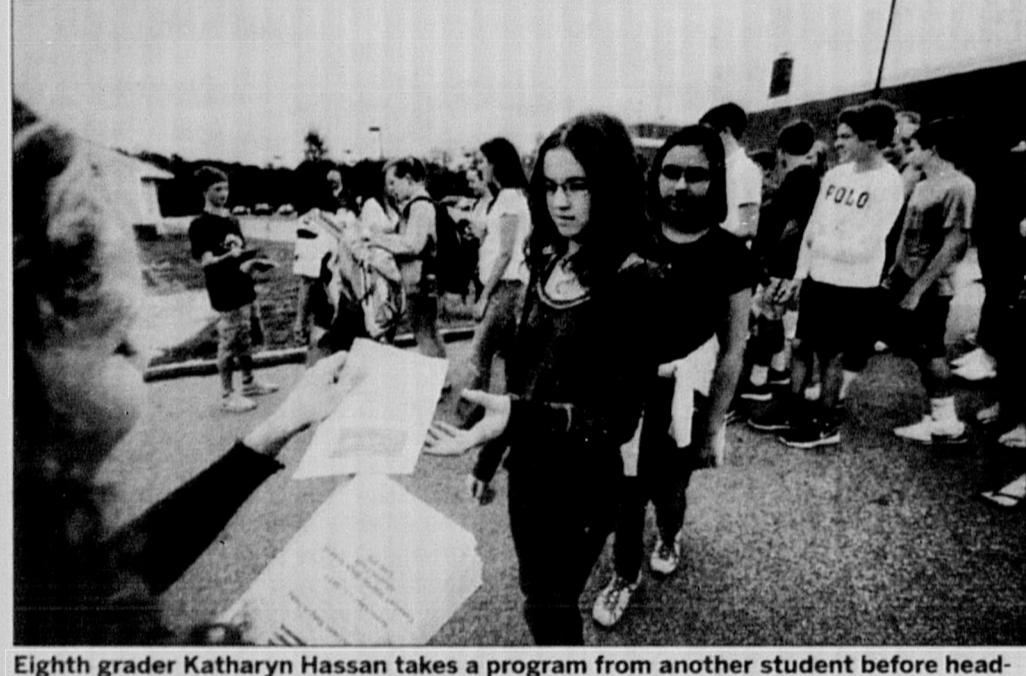
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Junior Joe Campedelli wears the red, white, and blue to show his support for the US during the Sept. 11th remembrance ceremony at the middle-high school on Friday. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO / ROBIN CHAN



Cohasset Police Officers James McLean, John Harrington, Sgt. Michael Lopes, Brian Peebles, and Sgt. Jeff Treanor, stand in silent commemoration to American lives lost in the 9/11 terrorist attacks. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO / MARK JARRET CHAVOUS



Eighth grader Kathryn Hassan takes a program from another student before heading onto the field with her classmates for the National Anthem sing-along. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO / ROBIN CHAN



Cohasset Fire Lt. Robert Nadeau gives the "firefighter's pledge" during ceremonies commemorating the fallen heroes of 9/11 at Cohasset Common. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO / MARK JARRET CHAVOUS



The 9/11 Memorial Tribute begins as Fire Chief Robert Silvia leads the Cohasset Fire Dept. toward the Cohasset Common, where a crowd of town residents awaits. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO / MARK JARRET CHAVOUS

LIFE AT CHS

Spirit Week, Homecoming right around the corner

The pile of sweatshirts that has been idly sitting in my closet all summer finally came to good use early this week, and CHS students are hoping summer weather will quit teasing them. The first month of school always seems to be a process of falling into place; the schedules, the weather, the sports games and the homework. It's a transition from the relaxed, enjoyable days of summer into the hectic months of school, punctuated only by the brief rest on weekends before returning to the swirl of events.

Evidently, the students are more than ready for autumn to come rolling in. Already whispers about Spirit Week themes and Homecoming court have begun their circulation. If you walk by Mrs. McAlarney's room during lunch periods on Mondays, you'll probably find the Student Council: crowded into desks, half-paying attention to their lunches while they talk over the school's upcoming events with each grade's representatives.

Girls' sports has had a strong presence on our home turf this week, with the Field Hockey team defeating Dennis-Yarmouth High School in a close game on Tuesday, the final score 5-4, and the girls' soccer team sporting white jerseys this evening against Cardinal Spellman High School. Good luck, ladies! This past Friday saw a great turnout for the football game -- the parking lots were quite literally overflowing with cars (the person parked in front of the school sign got awfully creative...) leaving me to



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park at Milliken Field and walk over.

However, it was worth all the trouble, and though I couldn't exactly see over the wall of Cohasset players standing along the sideline, the team played great with a 16-0 win against Scituate. Spirits were kept high with rallying music from our school Pep Band -- whose songs effectively stuck in my head -- and our Cheer Team with an impressive half-time show.

I'll be honest -- I forgot about picture day this year, slightly distracted with the numerous tests and quizzes my schedule is throwing at me (aren't seniors supposed to have easy schedules?). My track record for these annual picture days isn't amazing; there's always some unavoidable imperfection happening that is unfortunately highlighted in my printed photo.

This year, however, with the Seniors' option for submitting their own photos for the yearbook, I didn't have to worry about taming unruly hair or anything of the sort. This, of course, provoked some seniors to make... unusual... faces during their pictures. Perhaps they forgot that those shots eventually show up on their school IDs. The senior class got a chance for photographic redemption this Thursday when

I recommend focusing on the best bits of autumn: the thick sweatshirts, brightly-colored leaves and, of course, the reappearance of pumpkin spice lattes at Starbucks.

the Yearbook Independent Study class ushered us to Sandy Beach to snap a group picture to decorate the inside of this year's "Tessahoe" yearbook.

Cohasset Theater Club has announced this autumn's school play, "Parfumerie," which follows character George Horvath, an employee at a perfume, and his many tangled trials through work and love. Auditions and callbacks were held all through the week, and the suspense is finally over for the students auditioning as the cast list goes up today. Break a leg, everyone.

If the return to heavy textbooks and hectic schedules is somewhat bittersweet, I recommend focusing on the best bits of autumn: the thick sweatshirts, brightly-colored leaves and, of course, the reappearance of pumpkin spice lattes at Starbucks. Hopefully next week will spell more news in the realm of spirit week (still crossing my fingers for a Disney Character Day) as well as Homecoming. Until then, stay warm!

Becca Fredey is a senior at Cohasset High School and regular columnist for the Mariner.

5 THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK



Peonies take center stage at the Cohasset Garden Club meeting which is open to one and all. COURTESY PHOTO

1 COHASSET GARDEN CLUB

Hear Kathleen Gagan, owner of Peony's Envy in Bernardsville, N.J., talk about all things pertaining to peonies. Cohasset Garden Club's annual public meeting will take place at 12:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 23, at St. Anthony's Parish Hall, South Main Street. Allow time before the meeting to view club member's judged floral arrangements, horticulture specimens and the judged photography exhibit.

2 CASINO CRUISE

Sunday afternoon, Sept. 20, the Atlantic Symphony Orchestra launches the Atlantic Royale, a casino cruise of Boston Harbor to raise funds to support the symphonic season. The

Atlantic Royale leaves from 200 Seaport Blvd. in Boston at 1 p.m. sharp, returning at 4 p.m. The private chartered yacht includes two fully enclosed, climate controlled decks and an open-air top deck, for unparalleled viewing. There is still room on board! Go to: atlanticsymphony.org or call 781-331-3600 for complete details.

3 COMEDY NIGHT

South Shore Young Professionals hosts Comedy Night on Wednesday, Sept. 23, at Raffael's at South Shore Country Club, 274 South St. Hosted by stand-up comedian John Turco, the Comedy Night also features comedian and impressionist Craig Murphy and funnyman Mike Whitman. Proceeds benefit the South Shore Young Professionals Foundation Grant, established to help develop and support businesses on the South Shore. Networking from 6 to 7 p.m., followed by the comedy show from 7 to 9 p.m. Tickets \$25; contact kitchfield@southshoreyoungprofessionals.org.

4 JAZZ FESTIVAL

South Shore Conservatory presents its two-day Hingham Jazz Festival on Saturday, Sept. 19 and Sunday, Sept. 20 in the Jane Carr Amphitheater at One Conservatory Drive in Hingham. Chateau Edmus is the presenting sponsor of the Festival. Tickets to the Hingham Jazz Festival are available at: sscmusic.org/hingham-jazz-festival.html or by calling 781-749-7565, ext. 20. Tickets for Saturday are \$40/adults. The Sunday Jazz Brunch is \$15/person, and the Sunday music only is \$25. SSC students may attend any Saturday or Sunday concert, with exception of the brunch, for free. Non-SSC students may purchase a Saturday/Sunday music only ticket for \$10.

5 DOGGIE PAWLOOZA

Fundraiser for Standish Humane Society held at Wompatuck State

Park, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, a 3-mile walk through the state forest, face-

painting, a bouncy house, a pet photo booth, food, dog contests, animal behavior advice,

dog agility and training demonstrations, live music, raffles and much more. Dogs are

welcome as long as they are well behaved and on a leash, have a rabies vaccination tag, and are up to date on their vaccinations. For more: 781-834-4663.



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Cartoon College for middle-schoolers

Mat Brown is offering his Cartoon College course again this fall for middle-schoolers. He has learned that this course offers kids the chance to succeed doing something they like to do; a place to meet others with similar interests, and a way to improve a skill that they are already good at.

Mat's Cartoon College will meet for seven successive Thursdays at the Lutheran House of Prayer on Main Street in Hingham. Classes start at 4 p.m. and conclude at 5 p.m. (The doors open at 3:45, and Mat will stay until all kids are picked up). All art supplies (a \$25 value) are included in the \$170

tuition.

Mat is a professional cartoonist, drawing the editorial cartoons for the Cohasset and Scituate Maritimes.

To find out more about Mat, visit: matbrown.com. To reserve a spot for your cartoonist, email: mat@matbrown.com

COHASSET REC

Autumn in the Big Apple!

Gather some friends and enjoy a fall day in New York City! A deluxe motor coach leaves Cohasset Town Hall at 6 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 24th and arrives in New York City at approximately 10:30 a.m.

The bus has a Midtown drop off near Rockefeller Center & pick up at 7 p.m. sharp behind St. Patrick's Cathedral. Youth under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Fee: \$49 per person.

The Recreation Department can provide

suggestions for possible activities to engage in but ultimately the fun of New York City is all up to you.

Rockefeller Center is home to over 40 restaurants, more than 100 shops, and countless attractions. Take in a show — get up to 50 percent off ticket prices at the TKTS booth at the Marriot Marquis Hotel in Times Square.

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Young artist with 'sole'

Shoe designs are an inspiration

What does a 13-year-old girl do when she can't find a pair of shoes she likes?

Design her own, of course.

At least that's what Cohasset 8th Grade student Maaike Calvin decided to do when she was faced with the dismal prospect of nothing attractive to wear on her feet.

"I needed a pair of shoes but disliked everything I saw in the stores and online," she explains. "I decided to buy a pair of white canvas shoes and paint them. I have always loved drawing and painting but I had never painted shoes before, and it was hard, but I loved it."

The results were so good that Maaike had another inspiration.

"I figured I could sell these at the farmers market, that I could make money doing something I love," she recalls.

And that's what Maaike has been doing every Thursday since the Cohasset Farmers Market started in June.

Her original hand-painted custom-designed creations are popular with girls and women of all ages. Maaike has already sold about 30 pairs and has backorders to fill. If she doesn't have your size or design, she'll make them for you.



Hand-painted shoes by Maaike Calvin, 13, at the Cohasset Farmers Market.

"My most popular design are the anchors, I get a lot of requests for those, but people also like the cats and the cupcakes, as well as the bright, sparkly and swirly designs."

Maaike Calvin



Thirteen-year-old vendor Maaike Calvin at the Cohasset Farmers Market.

COURTESY PHOTOS

purchasing the things she needed to set up her stall.

"It's not easy, there was the cost of buying a bunch of shoes, the paints, paying for the stall, which is cheaper for kids, but still \$50, and then buying the tent and table (although a friend gave me one to use). It all adds up, and I had to make that money back," she explained.

But the gamble paid off, and Maaike has earned a reputation for being not only artistic and innovative, but also reliable.

Despite heavy rain that kept many market vendors and shoppers away, Maaike's strong work ethic meant she was there on the Common as always.

"A customer was coming to pick up a pair of the cat shoes, and I didn't want to let her down," she said.

Find Maaike and her shoes at the Cohasset Farmers Market, every Thursday through Oct. 15th, from 2 to 6 p.m. on the historic Cohasset Common. Or visit us on Facebook or at cohassetfarmersmarket.com.



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HOLLY HILL FARM

Discover the Woods 5K Trail Race

Holly Hill Farm is at 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset. To register or for more information on the following programs, visit www.hollyhillfarm.org or call 781-383-6565.

Cohasset Farmers Market

Holly Hill Farm offers fresh, organically grown produce at the Cohasset Farmers Market, located on Cohasset Common, North Main Street, every Thursday from 2 to 6 p.m., through Oct. 15. Also featured are many other vendors, local crafts and live music. For weekly notification of specific produce and other offerings in the Farm Stand, send one's email address to friends@hollyhillfarm@gmail.com.

Farm Stand open

On Saturdays and Sundays, the Farm Stand is open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The farm grows and sells its fresh, organically grown produce including: Tomatoes, Swiss chard, kale, arugula, zucchini, yellow summer squash, cucumbers and more. Jean creates organic bouquets from the flower fields. The farm partners with local organic farms such as Langwater Farm in North Easton, Skinny Dip Farm in Westport, Deanna and Bill, also in Westport. The corn is Integrated Pest Management from Lipinski Farm in Middleboro. Many other offerings include as bottled Jubali Smoothies and herbal infusions, handmade soaps and candles from Back to Basics, goat milk soap from West Elm Farm and local honey from Bee Well Honey. Shop daily from the stands outside the Main Barn throughout summer for new vegetable seedlings. Brown Boar Farm will make deliveries of their sustainably raised pork and beef on Sept. 12. See the farm's website for

a link to their price list for 2015 and information on pre-ordering.

Friends of Holly Hill Farm Annual Members Fall Picnic

Sunday, Sept. 20, from 1 to 3 p.m. The Friends of Holly Hill Farm members celebrate the season with a communal luncheon, acknowledgment of our hard working volunteers, hayrides and a walk in the surrounding woods. Anyone who wishes to bring a dish to share may do so. Anyone wishing to become a Member is welcome to participate and join The Friends. Membership supports educational programs. Annual membership available at the Individual level \$45. or Family level \$65.

Holly Hill Farm & Friends Eighth Annual Discover The Woods 5K Trail Race And 1 Mile Fun Run

Saturday, Oct. 3. Woodland 5K run along the paths surrounding fields of organic vegetables, flowers and herbs starts at 10 a.m. 1 mile fun run/walk along salt marsh meadows and shady trails starts at 11 a.m. Visit farm animals, stay for snacks. To benefit the Frank H. White Scholarship Fund that makes visits to Holly Hill Farm possible for those in need. Sign up will be online at www.hollyhillfarm.org.

Winter Herbal Remedies Workshop with herbalist, Jessica Grabowski, herbalist

Saturday, Oct. 24, from 10 a.m. to noon. Create

your own natural salves and lip balms during this follow-up workshop to the Sept. 12, Herbal Forage Walk. \$12 members/\$15 non-members. Call to reserve at 781-383-6565, www.hollyhillfarm.org 236 Jerusalem Road, Cohasset, 02025

Farm Pantry

A Community Service Program for Teens ages 15 through 18. Ongoing opportunities through November. Free – family membership suggested. This program for teens is fast becoming one of the farm's most popular. Students explore organic growing methods as they help to sow, grow, harvest and deliver fresh produce for local food pantries in Cohasset and Hull, as well as, Father Bill's Place, a community shelter in Quincy. Early in the season, tasks help ensure the successful growth of crops. Later in the growing season the focus shifts to harvesting crops. Students are welcome to attend one, two or all 12 sessions. Participants will exit the program with documented hours of community service (a graduation requirement for some local students), a letter of recommendation and a sense of meaningful accomplishment in helping to make fresh, local produce available to clients at food pantries. Interested students are required to complete an application and write a letter of interest in order to participate. Forms are available on the website. Questions? Contact Education Director Jon Belber at 781-383-6565 or jbelberhollyhill@gmail.com Holly Hill Farm.

SCOUTING
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senior patrol leader, Clay has steadily added more responsibility to his plate over the years and has continued to rise to each occasion.

Now, Clay is a junior assistant scoutmaster, which he said is similar to being senior patrol leader but not as hands-on. Instead of planning things himself, his job is to help make the new senior patrol leader's visions come to fruition.

"Being led by scouts is the whole idea of the program," said Hillman. With Clay as junior assistant scoutmaster, "All I do is drink coffee."

"John is very much the whole package," Hillman went on. "He's a really, really bright young man, fun to work with, dry as toast."

Ticking off Clay's other interests and activities – playing oboe in the high school band, participating in wrestling and martial arts – Hillman added, "We encourage our guys to have a diverse set of activities and interests, and John is a really good example of that."

For his Eagle Scout project, Clay constructed a fence for a vegetable patch at Holly

Hill Farm that had fallen prey to hungry wildlife. He and the troop spent two days working on it late last fall. On the third day, Clay, his father, and his Eagle Scout Advisor Marty Thomae worked together to install the gate.

Clay learned about the opportunity at the farm through another scout, Levante Haber, who had done his project there earlier in the fall. The farm had cedar posts and wiring ready to go; they just needed the hands to do the job. Pine lumber was donated for the gate by Wayne Robbins.

"Pretty much I just had to buy staples, hinges, screws, and Munchkins for the crew," said Clay.

Almost a year later, the fence is still doing its job. Jon Belber of Holly Hill Farm said, "His fence has kept away all sorts of deer and pests!" He added that, because the posts were cedar, it would be standing for a long time to come; cedar is dense and hard, but lasts forever because it doesn't rot easily.

An Eagle Scout must fulfill several qualifications before being considered for the rank. Leadership experience is one, and the completion of a community

service project – like Clay's fence – is another. The last requirement is to earn merit badges.

Clay has earned just over two dozen badges for a wide range of activities and skills: archery, shotgun shooting, wood carving, canoeing, lifesaving, personal management, basketry (which was "surprisingly hard to do," but also surprisingly fun), and, Clay's favorite, first aid.

Clay hopes to go into the medical field after high school, in part due to his experience as a scout. It wasn't just that he liked the first aid merit badge; the whole culture of the program pushed him toward this career choice.

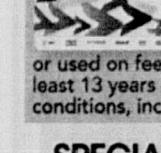
"A lot of scouts is centered on helping people," he explained – "medically or in any other way. Those sorts of skills and lessons have helped me want to pursue something like medicine. I also find the science behind it – like anatomy – very fascinating. EMT training sounds really cool."

Clay passed his Eagle board of review on Wednesday, September 9.

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John Clay, 17, of Troop 28 stands by the gate and fence that he installed for his Eagle Scout project at Holly Hill Farm. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/ ROBIN CHAN

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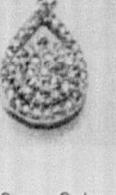
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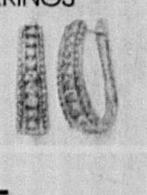
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OUR VIEW

Insurance rates and you

By all accounts, the winter of 2015 was one for the record books. Record snowfall from an unprecedented number of blizzards and winter storms resulted in towns needing massive amounts of money to move and remove massive piles of snowfall.

Despite best efforts and the best of intentions, secondary roads were nearly impassable for weeks, schools were closed for much of the month of February and the wicked weather gave the term "cabin fever" new meaning.

Some towns are still paying the bills from this past winter, even as department of public works crews are preparing equipment and receiving salt and sand supplies for the upcoming winter.

Now homeowners are faced with the prospect of paying the price for one of the harshest and costliest New England winters ever, with an estimated \$2.4 billion in losses reported.

Depending on when your homeowner's insurance renews, you could be looking at an increase of as much as 9.7 percent annually.

This might be news to you as the rate increase process has taken place out of the spotlight.

The special report in this week's newspaper takes a closer look at that process, gets an explanation of the rate increases from several insurance companies, and reaction from state officials on the both the process and the hikes. And tries to answer the question: Should homeowners - whether you filed a claim or not - be on the hook for one bad winter?

Unlike rates for auto insurance, electricity service and other state-regulated industries, a filed rate increase for homeowners insurance doesn't automatically trigger a hearing in Massachusetts. After new rates are filed, they can take effect without a record of an explicit affirmative approval from state regulators.

That procedure is being questioned at the State House as the Senate Committee on Post Audit and Oversight is holding a hearing Tuesday, Sept. 22, to provide a little transparency.

to the process. The panel will review how the Division of Insurance determined the new rates and shed some light on the real reasons for the increases.

Homeowners, who pay hundreds if not thousands of dollars a year on insurance and never file a claim, should not be subject to volatile fluctuations in weather conditions. Homeowners do not get reimbursed or get credit for being "good customers," so why should they be punished for that one occasion they actually need to cash in on their "insurance?"

Granted the insurance industry is business and businesses need to make money. In recent years, rates have typically grown in the 2-3 percent range. It's difficult not to think this one-time event (last winter) isn't the reason for the 4-9.7 percent increases many homeowners are now facing.

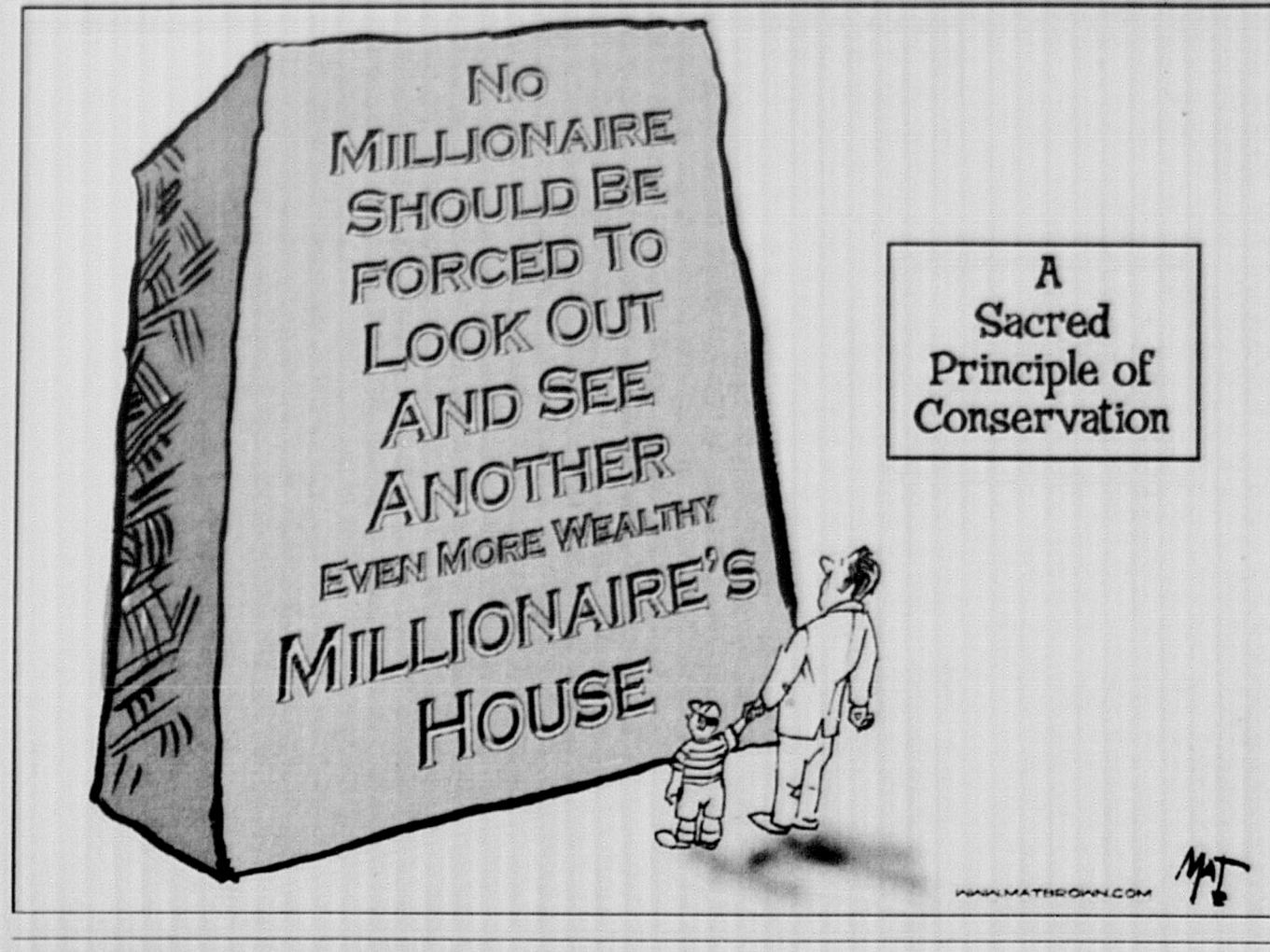
The rate increases have also caught the attention of Attorney General Maura Healey's office.

Through a spokesman, the attorney general expressed concern over dramatically raising homeowners' insurance rates based on losses during one winter season. The attorney general also wants the Division of Insurance to back up the decision for the hikes and to demonstrate this isn't a case of "price padding."

The insurance companies, most of them anyway, are saying last year's winter has no bearing on the rate increases. Some companies have not filed for rate increases in years, while others point to several years of data being used to predict anticipated costs/rates.

That data needs to be put to the test in a more public manner than it has in the past. Not only should the Senate Committee on Post Audit and Oversight hold the Division of Insurance accountable for the rates about to hit the books this year, but work with the Legislature to ensure a more transparent process for rate hikes moving forward as is done with other state-regulated industries.

HOW TO SUBMIT
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PUSHING THE EDGE

The message or the messenger

In 2014 I wrote an essay on this subject. I've updated it to reflect the political season that we are in.

Some of you may be old enough to remember the philosopher, Marshal McLuhan. In the 1960's he wrote a best-selling book, *The Medium is the Message: An Inventory of Effects*. His main point was that the medium is part of the content of the message thereby influencing how the message is perceived.

In political discourse, the public vacillates between the importance of a candidate's clarity and compelling message, or his or her sincerity. You can work on what people say but you can't be something other than yourself. Do we vote for people for what they say they believe in or do we vote for them because you believe what they say?

In everyday life there is



GLENN MANGURIAN

a similar set of questions. Do I believe in the words you speak or do I find you believable? If you are like me, the belief in the person being authentic trumps (no pun intended) what he or she says. Here is the tough part - one can't mimic authenticity.

So today, the messenger is becoming the message. We judge the content of the message, in part, by the story we have about the messenger. If we perceive the messenger as honest, sincere and like us, then we are more inclined to have a favorable reaction to the message. Conversely, if we hold a negative story about the messenger, it doesn't

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Your message and the intent of your message may be noble and "on point," but the story the listener has about you will influence what he or she hears and how that person interprets your meaning. So, it is neither the message nor the messenger. Rather, it is the story we

have about the messenger that becomes part of the message. Do you know what stories others carry about you?

Glenn Mangurian is a Hingham resident of 25 years. He spends his time consulting, teaching leadership and writing to provoke thinking. He welcomes your comments and can be reached at gmangurian@frontierworks.com

STATEHOUSE

Cohasset awarded \$12,600 in arts funding

Representative Garrett Bradley has announced that the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) has awarded grants totaling \$12,600 to cultural organizations in the community of Cohasset.

These grants support a broad range of cultural activities that benefit local residents, while supporting jobs in the nonprofit cultural sector. The monies are part of the MCC's statewide funding program, which benefits from a \$2 million increase to its state appropriation approved by the Legislature in August.

"MCC grants help to ensure that the unique cultural programs in the region as well as the Commonwealth continue to thrive and benefit our

citizens today and for years to come," Bradley said. "Our support for the arts and humanities enriches our communities and helps our young people explore their creativity in school and beyond."

Local recipients awarded grants include:

■ Cohasset Cultural Council: \$4,400, Local Cultural Council Funding

■ South Shore Arts

Center: \$8,200, Cultural

Investment Portfolio

Program

The grants are part

of MCC's \$14 million investment in the Massachusetts nonprofit cultural sector.

The Cultural Investment Portfolio comprises 389 nonprofit arts, humanities, and science organizations across Massachusetts. These organizations connect children and adults to theatre, music, visual art, and film; teach them about history, literature, and the environment; and introduce them to

new languages and cultural traditions. Cultural Investment Portfolio grants must be matched one to one, and range from \$2,500 to \$56,500.

MCC's 329 Local Cultural Councils (LCCs) make up the largest public grassroots arts network in the nation. They provide funding to every city and town in Massachusetts through the efforts of more than 2,300 volunteers. The councils support local arts and history, fund school field trips, and sponsor local concerts and exhibitions. Grants to LCCs range from \$4,400 for the smallest towns to \$117,400 for Springfield and \$179,000 for Boston, according to a formula that reflects the state's local aid system.

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BUSINESS

Advocating for young professionals

Group provides grants, fun and more

By Dick Trust
correspondent

Don't laugh: The South Shore Young Professionals are giving away free money.

Do laugh: The Young Professionals, an affiliate of the South Shore Chamber of Commerce, will host its annual Comedy Night on Wednesday, Sept. 23, at Raffael's at South Shore Country Club, 274 South Street, Hingham.

Proceeds from the comedy event, 6 to 9 p.m., will benefit the South Shore Young Professionals (SSYP) Foundation Grant, an entrepreneurial grant program established to help develop and support businesses on the South Shore.

The SSYP is a non-profit organization funded through events held throughout the year. A golf tournament, a comedy night, and monthly networking events are scheduled annually.

"The money raised through those events goes into our grant foundation, which basically seeks to give back to South Shore businesses," said Kaitlyn Litchfield, hired as executive director of the SSYP in April once the group's affiliation with the South Shore Chamber of Commerce became official.

"Businesses large and small, for-profit and not-for-profit, can apply and we basically give away free money. It's amazing. You fill out the application online and we use a third party to review the applicants."

Last year the South Shore Young Professionals awarded grants to three businesses. The largest grant was worth \$5,000, Litchfield said, "so it's a substantial amount of money to give back."

Business owners interested in a grant should fill out an application online at: southshoreyoungprofessionals.org. An entry fee of \$50 covers the application process and also admits the business owners to SSYP membership if not already a member. Business owners must be a member of the South Shore Young Professionals to apply for a grant.

Grant winners will be announced at a party in December. Deadline for applying is Oct. 31.

Litchfield, who grew up in Pembroke and now resides in Marshfield with her husband, Justin, and 16-month-old son, Cam, explained the thought behind the money giveaway.

"The idea is to make the South Shore a place where you can live and work, and play," Litchfield said. "That's what makes it special. I feel really connected to that because I grew up here, I went to high school here (Notre Dame Academy of Hingham, Class of 2002), I went to college here (Bridgewater State, '07), I live here, and I raise my family here. It's kind of cool to be able to do all those things in one area."

The upcoming comedy night will begin at 6 with registration, cocktails, meet-and-greet, etc. Then the comics will do their thing from 7 to 9. Hosted by stand-up comedian John Turco, the show will also feature comedian

and impressionist Graig Murphy and funnyman Mike Whitman. Tickets are \$25 each.

According to a press release, "Murphy has rapidly risen in the Boston comedy scene and is wowing audiences with his impressions of local sports owners and players and keeps the laughs coming with his talented wit."

"Whitman, whose innovative material and style made him the hit and semifinalist in the prestigious Boston Comedy Festival, has become one of Boston's best new comedians. He is quickly becoming one of the country's most versatile and entertaining comics working today, performing at colleges and top venues around the nation."

The SSYP fundraising golf tournament was held in June at South Shore Country Club.

Litchfield has brought

energy and passion to her position as SSYP executive director. She majored in criminal justice, and right out of college became an associate probation officer at Brockton District Court after interning while at Bridgewater State. She also received a paralegal certificate from Northeastern University.

Moreover, she runs her own photography

business, specializing in newborn, children, family, and senior portraits, among others. Her work can be seen at: kaitlitchphoto.com.

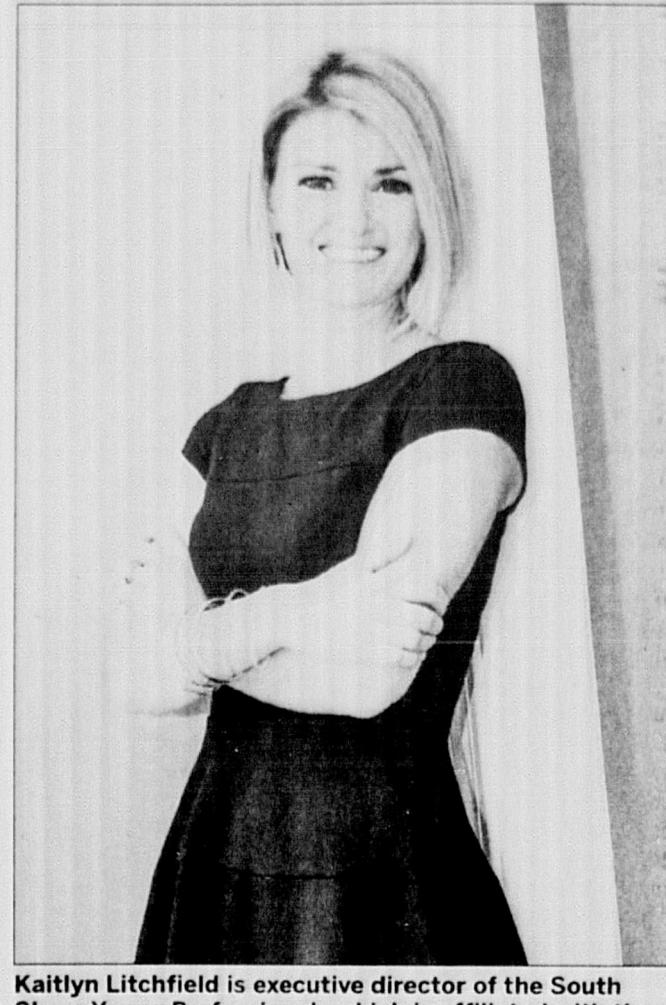
The South Shore Young Professionals organization was founded in 2008, Litchfield noted, "by people, young professionals, who lived here and worked here and needed to connect."

The Cape Cod Young Professionals are a spinoff of the SSYP and do similar good in their area.

"It's nice to have another group with the same mindset," Litchfield said. "We share some of the same events, we support each other, and we've bounced some ideas off each other."

Litchfield said the SSYP's affiliation with the South Shore Chamber of Commerce has taken the Young Professionals "to the next level."

"We have an office and a place to call home at the Chamber in Rockland (1050 Hingham St.). The space we have there literally allows us to work side by side. Their administrative staff is amazing, their knowledge is vast, and their passion for the South Shore Young Professionals is outstanding," she said. "They believe in us and want to see us



Kaitlyn Litchfield is executive director of the South Shore Young Professionals which is affiliated with the South Shore Chamber of Commerce. COURTESY PHOTO

succeed. We saw the benefits from the affiliation, that we could do so much for our members, and I think the Chamber saw us as another bridge, another connection that could be offered.

It's just a tremendous affiliation, Litchfield said.

"As far as what that means for our members, they have greater access to this portal," she said. "They can have an online profile, they can post jobs, they can post coupons for customer discounts, and so much more. Using information to reach people we had never reached before is our greatest asset to our

members. I get a lot of phone calls asking can you help me connect with this person. Absolutely. From the Chamber of Commerce database, we've gotten wheels and now we're going full force ahead."

For more information on the grant program, comedy night or membership, visit: southshoreyoungprofessionals.org. To reach Litchfield at her SSYP office, call 781-421-3911.

SSYP can also be found on Instagram and Facebook.

—Dick Trust is a freelance writer and regular contributor to the Hingham Journal.

LIBRARY CORNER

Great Decisions Group meets Tuesdays

Paul Pratt Memorial Library is at 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Call 781-383-1348 to register or for more information or visit the website at www.cohassetlibrary.org.

Sunday Hours

The library will be open Sundays from 2 to 5 p.m.

Great Decisions Discussion Group

There is limited space available for the Great Decisions Discussion group held from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Great Decisions is a national foreign policy discussion group, which meets every Tuesday for eight weeks until Nov. 3. Each participant will receive a discussion book donated by the Friends of the Library. If you are interested in learning more about US foreign policy decisions, call the reference desk or register online at www.cohassetlibrary.org.

Interview Skills for Students

Employment Specialist

Gary Gekow will lead this skills based workshop on Thursday, Sept. 24, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The workshop is geared toward high school students embarking on college interviews and college graduates facing employment interviews. Free. Sponsored by the Friends of the Cohasset Library.

Library Book Group

Join others for coffee and discussion of Anita Diamant's book "The Boston Girl" at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 30. All are welcome.

Sunday Author Talks Series begins Oct. 4

Marilynn Johnson, author of "The New Bostonians," kicks off our fourth season of Sunday Author Talks at 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 4, at the library. Each month, through the beginning of May, an author will give a talk on their book. Talks are followed by a wine and cheese reception and book signing. Admission is free. Seating is limited. For a list of upcoming authors call the library or

visit www.cohassetlibrary.org. Sunday Author Talks is sponsored by Dean & Hamilton Realtors, Goodale Insurance, and A Taste for Wine & Spirits.

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LIBRARY KIDS

Next LEGO Club is Sept. 28

The following events for children will take place at Paul Pratt Memorial Library, 35 Ripley Road, Cohasset. Call 781-383-1348 for more information or visit the website at www.cohassetlibrary.org.

LEGO CLUB: Monday, Sept. 28, Oct. 18 and 26 from 4 to 5 p.m.

PUPPET STORY TIME WITH LEIGH AND FRIENDS: Tuesday, Sept. 15, Oct. 6 and 20.

STORYTIME WITH MRS. MOODY: Tuesday, Sept. 22, Oct. 13 and 27.

DROP IN CRAFTS: Thursday Sept. 24, Oct. 8, 15, 22 and 29, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

READ TO A DOG PROGRAM WITH SOPHIE: Tuesday, Oct. 6 and 20, from 4 to 5 p.m. Sign up upon arrival at the Children's Room desk. Sophie will be here the first and third Tuesday of each month. Practice

STEM EARLY RELEASE DAY PROGRAMS: Thanks to a grant from the South Shore Music Circus the library will be holding quality science, technology, engineering and math programs. Programs will be posted online as they are booked. Many will have age requirements and will require pre-registration.

CABLE

Check out 143tv

Be sure to go online to check out 143tv.org for an up-to-date TV schedule.

You can also check their Community Bulletin Board on Comcast or Verizon.

This week 143tv

is featuring the return of ESPN's Game of the Week. This week it's Varsity Football vs. Scituate.

FLU SHOT

Best bet for avoiding influenza

Getting a flu shot often protects you from coming down with the flu. And although the flu shot doesn't always provide total protection, it's worth getting.

Who should get the flu vaccine?

The CDC recommends annual influenza vaccinations for everyone age 6 months or older. Vaccination is especially important for people at high risk of influenza complications, including: pregnant women, older adults, young children.

Children between 6

months and 8 years may

need two doses of flu vaccine, given at least four weeks apart, to be fully protected. Check with your child's health care provider.

Chronic medical conditions can also increase your risk of influenza complications. Examples include: asthma, cancer or cancer treatment,

chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), cystic fibrosis, diabetes, HIV/AIDS, kidney or liver disease and obesity.

The Cohasset Board of Health will be sponsoring the following flu clinics:

■ Tuesday, Oct. 13, 10

a.m. to noon at Willcutt Commons, 91 Sohier Street

■ Tuesday, Oct. 20, 10 a.m. to noon at Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium

■ Saturday, Oct. 24, 10 a.m. to noon at Cohasset Town Hall Auditorium

■ Tuesday, Nov. 17, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Paul Pratt Memorial Library

All flu clinics are open to any Cohasset resident 9 years of age and older. Remember to bring all your health insurance cards. For questions call Mary Goodwin at 781-383-2210 ext. 130.

SAVE THE DATE

Republicans host picnic

The annual Cohasset Republican Town Committee Picnic takes place from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at 20 Nichols Road.

Always a lively event with guest speakers, great food/drinks and a scenic waterfront location. This year a presidential straw poll will

be conducted and results to be revealed on the day.

Curious about the local Republican Town Committee, newcomers are welcome.

Rapid fire guest speakers include: Chanel Prunier, National Committee-woman; Rick Green, Mass Fiscal Alliance; Shauna O'Connell, State Rep 3rd Bristol district; Pat

O'Connor, Weymouth Council Chair and Spokesman for Senate; State Sen. Bob Hedlund and Mary Connaughton, Pioneer Institute.

RSVP by calling Andrea at 781-383-9791. Cost is: \$20/individual; \$30/couple. Tickets will also be available on the same day. Proceeds to benefit scholarship fund.

UPDATE

Leasing school buses is beginning to pay off

By Amanda C. Thompson
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Just in time for the school year to start, the Cohasset School Committee dotted the final 'i's and crossed the final 't's on a bus maintenance plan that, for the first time in over a decade, eliminated the position of staff mechanic.

The committee believed this would work because, last November, the district started leasing a fleet of

brand-new buses from New England Transit. Buses in the old fleet had been older than most of the students riding them. With newer buses would come (the committee hoped) reduced maintenance needs and expenses, which could be covered more than adequately by outsourcing repairs.

The decision was controversial and the details were a puzzle that took most of the summer to assemble, but it's already paying off, according

to Superintendent Barbara Cataldo.

Cataldo presented an up-to-date bus maintenance log to the board at Wednesday night's meeting, showing that \$13,945 had been spent on bus care so far this year, as of September 11th - which means that that number includes summer care, repairs, and state inspections.

As board member Ellen Maher pointed out, \$13,945 is just over a third of the

budgeted maintenance funding - although School Business Manager Dave DeGennaro said the total budget has increased since bus fees have been received.

In other words, "Our theory that newer buses would have lesser cost is proving true," said Cataldo. "But we still have to keep an eye on them, especially over this first 12-month period."

However, School Committee Chairman Jeanne Astino wanted to know why three of

the leased buses had racked up less than half the mileage of other buses leased at the same time, running routes of the same relative length.

DeGennaro said he would investigate, as the contract with New England Transit includes a 15,000-mile cap on per-vehicle mileage.

But no one could argue that the new buses had been treating the district well. The

greatest expense under the new plan, as under the old plan, has gone into older

vehicles that the district retained for backup, special education, and easier access via a lower entry step.

Going forward, Cataldo will continue to provide a comprehensive maintenance log to the School Committee every month to ensure that the new transportation plan stays on track. Or rather, on the road.

—Follow Amanda on Twitter for updates: @MarinerAmandaT

WILLCUTT COMMONS

Looking back at new senior center

In 2008, the Social Service League took over the Mary Hooper trust fund and proposed using it to build a "home" for seniors in the form of a new and much-needed senior center. They got the go-ahead to start working on it the following year.

The trust fund would provide \$1 million of the projected \$6 million cost of construction. In 2011, the Friends of Cohasset Elder Affairs started raising additional funds with the "Raising Cane and Raising Cash" campaign, which brought "Dear Crossing" street signs to lawns around town - similar to the flocks of pink flamingos that appear in Hingham during sports teams' fundraising seasons.

Later in 2011, concerns over funding drove the SSL to propose constructing the building privately, without any financial input from the town. This was expected to

reduce the price substantially, although proposed affordable housing units were lost in the process.

The new plan required the transfer of land from the Cohasset Swim Center to the SSL, which took an additional two years to complete. In 2013, the town transferred the land at 91 Sohier Street (adjacent to the Swim Center) to the SSL.

By November 2014, the SSL had completed the building. They had intended to gift it to the town at this point, but because they had borrowed money against future contributions, Willcutt Commons was completed with a \$700,000 mortgage that would have to be paid off before they could give it away.

Instead, the town opted to purchase Willcutt Commons because there was no guarantee as to when the mortgage would be paid off, and the building was seen

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as a long-term investment. Town Manager Chris Senior said, "This path will get us to where we want to be the soonest."

Voters at Annual Town Meeting (May 2, 2015) approved the purchase of the building by bond at a price not to exceed \$1,030,000. But even though sufficient funds have been allocated since ATM, no progress has been made in handing those funds over and acquiring the building on a permanent basis.

The Board of Selectmen will discuss this issue at their meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 22.

SENIOR

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"Her endowment has made this dream possible," said SSL President Marita Carpenter. But, that will had certain restrictions attached to it. It was only to be used for the construction of an old-age home. Originally, that home was only supposed to be available for aging Protestant couples.

That, however, was a product of the times, said Carpenter. "In 2015, that's not appropriate or enforceable. The court issued an adjustment in our favor to build without that restriction."

According to the Attorney General, the crux of Mary Hooper's will is simply that the building, named for her father Levi Lincoln Willcutt, must always be available to seniors first. Anyone else who would like to use it may do so only on the condition that they do not disrupt or displace senior

programming.

As straightforward as that may seem, it's kept officials tangled up in negotiations for almost a year now. "It's become unnecessarily complicated with the restrictions," said Carpenter. "We've been in purgatory for a long time here."

Kierce said some of the hold-up has been generated by the overly-cautious projections of people imagining what the town will be like in 20 years, or 50. Maybe there won't be as many seniors then, and the town will be stuck with a building they can't use.

Kierce doesn't think that's much of an argument. "It doesn't really matter what the town is 50 years from now," he said. "You can use it for anything as long as it doesn't displace seniors. If there are only two seniors here in 50 years," then other groups can continue to use the rest of the building around them, as long as those two seniors' needs are being met.

"The library isn't just used for books," Kierce added. "We're using half the library as a recreation center now. Why is that any different from us?"

Kierce believes that the town needs measurable milestones on their way to acquiring the building; otherwise, negotiations could continue to drag on indefinitely. "Everyone's agreeing it'll be used as a senior center," he said. "We need to make a decision."

Carpenter thinks a decision could be imminent. After what she described as a "productive" meeting between the town manager and the SSL's lawyers earlier this week, Carpenter said, "I believe that now we will be able to go forward. Hopefully we'll have some good news soon for the wonderful seniors of Cohasset and all those who have worked so hard."

—Follow Amanda on Twitter for updates: @MarinerAmandaT

BUILDING PERMITS

The following building permits were issued recently at Town Hall:

Meehan, 354 Jerusalem Road, 30 x 75 frame tent 8/5/15 to 8/9/15, \$2,600; O'Neill, 391 Atlantic Ave, addition and alterations per plan, \$550,000; Eisenhaure, 478 Jerusalem Road, replace windows in sunroom and kitchen, \$13,950; DeMarias, 310 Beechwood St., 4 sq asphalt roofing, \$1,000; Pinkus, 475 Beechwood St., demo existing house and foundation, \$12,000; Marvell Properties, 1 Pleasant St.,

50 sq asphalt shingles/20 sq cedar siding, \$50,000; Tangherlini, 179 Sohier St., 16 sq asphalt shingles, \$7,500; Rowe, 495 CJC Highway, build new room in place of existing patio, \$50,000; Horak, 59 Wheelwright Farm, demo and remodel kitchen, \$14,417; Safarik, 11 Bayberry Lane, 14 sq. asphalt roofing, \$5,100; DeMarias, 310 Beechwood St., 25 solar panels, \$47,000; AJ Realty Trust, 16 Norfolk Lane, new single family dwelling, \$300,000; Shannon, 589 Jerusalem Road, construct

three townhouse condos replacing demo'd apartment bldg., \$1,019,420; Buchanan, 14 Rust Way, construct pool house and sitting area, \$130,000; Connolly, 68 Doane St., 20 sq. asphalt roofing, \$10,925; Cantillon, 794 Jerusalem Road, remove/replace three windows, \$5,000; Cantillon, 97 Border St., divide existing bedroom into two; replace tub with shower, \$2,500; Laney, 404, Jerusalem Road, second story addition, new roof over addition, 1st floor remodel, \$105,000; Williams, 29 Heritage Lane,

new mbath, closet, relocate laundry, \$40,000.

Matta, 93 Ripley Road, sign above front door, \$2,000; Henry, 40 Aaron River Road, replace one window and one door, no structural changes, \$13,000; Pape, 207 Sohier St., bathroom remodel, \$15,000; Coh.Tennis/Schwartz, 21, Cedar St., remove and replace 18 damaged metal panels, \$17,200; Chase, 417 So. Main St., tent 09/10/15-09/14/15, \$11,476; Cohasset Golf Club, 175, Lamberts Lane, tents 09/17/15-09/20/15, \$12,000; Genello, 15 Nichols Road, tent 09/16/15-09/21/15, \$2,000; Greener, 2 Black Horse Lane, kitchen remodel; replace exist. rear deck, repair side stairs, \$48,000; Crown Castle, Turkey Hill Road, replace antennae and upgrade equipment, \$60,000; Stanton, 69 Summer St., construct 25' x 12' porch as per plans, \$35,000.

Dickey, 216, So. Main St., renovate back deck, \$16,600; Quigley, 38, Jerusalem Road, Two-car garage w/mbrdm, bathrm; entry foyer, laundry, attic, \$240,000; Pease, 3 Sankey Road, add bay window to existing living room, \$13,000; Toll Brothers, 12 Hickory Circle, new single family dwelling, \$309,520; Toll Brothers, 17 Hickory Circle, new single family dwelling, \$307,720; McCarron, 21 Little Harbor Road, install 25 sq sidewall, \$20,000; Hahn, 91 Aaron River Road, remodel master bath, \$10,000; Pinkus, 479 Beechwood St., foundation - three bedroom only, \$25,000; Nickerson, 11 Grace Drive, solar panels, \$29,000.

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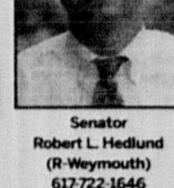
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THE HOUSE AND SENATE. There were no roll calls in the House or Senate last week. Beacon Hill Roll Call has obtained the 2015 official list from the state treasurer's office of the "per diem" travel, meals and lodging reimbursements collected by the Legislature's 160 state representatives from January 1, 2015 through September 1, 2015. The list reveals that representatives collected a total of \$134,944. Combined with the \$527,751 that the state's 39 senators collected as reported in last week's Beacon Hill Roll Call, the grand total for both branches is \$162,695.

Under state law, per diems are paid by the state to representatives "for each day for travel from his place of residence to the Statehouse and return therefrom, while in the performance of his official duties, upon certification to the state treasurer that he was present at the Statehouse." These reimbursements are given to representatives above and beyond their regular salaries.

The amount of the per diem varies and is based on the city or town in which a representative resides and its distance from the Statehouse. The Legislature in 2000 approved a law doubling these per diems to the current amount. The payments range from \$10 per day for legislators who reside in the Greater Boston area to \$90 per day for some Western Massachusetts lawmakers and \$100 per day for those in Nantucket. Representatives who are from areas that are a long distance from Boston's Statehouse most often collect the highest total of annual per diems.

Some supporters of the per diem say the system is fair and note the rising costs of travel, food and lodging. They argue many legislators spend a lot of money on travel to the Statehouse and some spend the night in Boston following late sessions. Others say that some legislators accept the per diem but use all of the revenue they receive to support local nonprofit causes. They say that not taking the per diem would leave that money in the state's General Fund to be spent on who knows what.

Some opponents argue most private sector and state workers are not paid additional money for commuting. They say the very idea of paying any per diem is outrageous when thousands of workers have lost their jobs and homes, and funding for important programs has been cut. Others say the per diem is especially inappropriate given the 3-cent-per-gallon hike in the state's gas tax that the Legislature approved in July 2013.

The 2015 statistics indicate that 58 of the state's 160 representatives have received reimbursements ranging from \$252 to \$5,624, while 102 have so far chosen not to apply for any money. State law does not establish a deadline that representatives must meet in order to collect the per diems.

The representative who received the most per diem money in 2015 is Sarah Peake (D-Provincetown) who received \$5,624.

The other four representatives who received the most are Reps. Patricia Farley-Bouvier (D-Pittsfield), \$5,040; William "Smitty" Pignatelli (D-Lenox), \$4,860; Paul Mark (D-Peru), \$4,320; and Michael Finn (D-West Springfield), \$3,960.

REPRESENTATIVES' 2015 PER DIEMS. The dollar figure next to the representative's name represents the total amount of per diem money the state paid him or her in 2015. The number in parentheses represents the number of days the representative certified he or she was at the Statehouse during that same period. Representatives who have not requested any per diems have "0 days" listed. That is not meant to imply that these representatives didn't attend any sessions but rather that they chose not to request any per diems.

ALSO UPON BEACON HILL.

ALLOW SOME STORES TO OPEN ON THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS (H 146). The House gave initial approval to a bill allowing retail stores that sell foods and goods labeled in a foreign language, which make up more than 50 percent of the shop's items, to be open on Christmas Day and Thanksgiving Day. The store would have to receive permission from the municipal licensing board where it is located.

Supporters said that some people from many cultures do not celebrate these holidays and their ethnic stores should be allowed to open. They noted that when some of these cultures do celebrate Thanksgiving, their tradition is to have the freshest food possible which is usually purchased the day of the holiday.

BILLBOARDS (H 3508). The Revenue Committee will hold a hearing on September 22 at 10 a.m. in Room A-1 at the Statehouse. One bill on the agenda would require the MBTA to be subject to the same local zoning process as small business owners who are seeking to erect an outdoor sign at their place of business. The measure also gives businesses that remove billboards tax credits of 75 percent of the costs of removing the billboard, and up to 50 percent of the estimated net earnings lost due to the removal of the billboard. The maximum on each of these would be \$50,000 per business in any one fiscal year.

Supporters say both these provisions are designed to reduce the number of billboards, which are often an eyesore in a city or town. They note that the MBTA as a state agency is currently not subject to local zoning laws and can basically erect billboards wherever it wants. This legislation would change that. They also argue that the tax credits would be an incentive for billboard companies to take down some of their billboards permanently.

REQUIRE A FULL-TIME NURSE IN EVERY SCHOOL (S 282). The Education Committee held a hearing on a proposal that would require every school with more than 500 students to have a full-time nurse on staff. The measure also requires that each school have a full-time nurse in order to ensure proper care of students. They noted school nurses not only deal with colds, flu and playground injuries but with complex medical problems (such as asthma, allergies and diabetes) and mental health issues (such as ADHD, anxiety and depression).

Supporters said some stations are very misleading because they post only the cash price. They note it's not until consumers pull onto the property and up to the pump that they see two sets of prices per gallon - based on paying with cash or credit card, with up to a 10-cent-per-gallon differential.

MAKE CITY CHARTER GENDER NEUTRAL (S 1985). At the end of August, the House and Senate approved and sent to Gov. Charlie Baker a home rule bill, sponsored by the City of Newton, that changes the name of the governing body of the city of Newton from Board of Alderman to City Council and substitutes gender-neutral for all gender-specific words.

Gov. Baker supports the bill but indicated that the version sent to him inadvertently omits some changes requested by Newton in the documents. He proposed some amendments that must be approved by the House and Senate for action before the bill goes back to the governor for his signature.

HOW LONG WAS LAST WEEK'S SESSION? Beacon Hill Roll Call tracks the length of time that the House and Senate were in session each week. Many legislators say that legislative sessions are only one aspect of the Legislature's job and that a lot of important work is done outside of the House and Senate chambers. They note that their jobs also involve committee work, research, constituent work and other matters that are important to their districts. Critics say that the Legislature does not meet regularly or long enough to debate and vote in public view on the thousands of pieces of legislation that have been filed. They note that the infrequency and brief length of sessions are misguided and lead to irresponsible late night sessions and a mad rush to act on dozens of bills in the days immediately preceding the end of an annual session.

During the week of September 7-11, the House met for a total of 24 minutes while the Senate met for a total of 20 minutes.

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CONSUMER

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what's unsettling is the lack of an even fight between those who would like to maximize rate increases and those who would like to minimize them."

Barrett's committee is holding a hearing next Tuesday (Sept. 22) to publicly examine the premium hikes and the review process the Division of Insurance used in approving new rates. Under state law, rates cannot be "excessive, unreasonable, inadequate or unfairly discriminatory."

On the heels of a historically severe winter that saw insurers pay out hundreds of millions in claims, state regulators this spring and summer effectively approved average rate increases from several major insurers — some topping 9 percent — in a process primarily conducted behind closed doors.

Rising rates

Unlike consumer rates for auto insurance, electricity service and other state-regulated industries, a filed rate increase for homeowners insurance doesn't automatically trigger a hearing in Massachusetts. After new rates are filed, they can take effect without a record of an explicit affirmative approval from state regulators.

In total, 13 insurers, including some of the state's largest, have had rate increases this year, according to the state Division of Insurance.

With more than 214,000 customers in Massachusetts, MapFer, the state's largest home insurer, raised its average rates by 8.9 percent effective Aug. 1. Boston-based Safety Insurance's average rates are rising by 9.1 percent, while Plymouth Rock's rates are increasing by an average of 7.7 percent. USAA is raising its average rates by 6.3 percent, according to the Division of Insurance.

In recent years, insurance companies' rate increases have typically hovered in the 2-3 percent range in Massachusetts.

Collectively, the new charges will add approximately \$100 to annual insurance bills for many Massachusetts homeowners, who typically pay approximately \$1,200 per year for home insurance.

"As a membership-based association, USAA is committed to helping our members recover when they suffer a loss, so our property insurance rates must reflect the projected cost



Damage from last winter's wicked weather has still not been repaired for this homeowner. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO/STURAT GREEN



Ice dams caused major damage for many homeowners during the winter of 2015. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO/MARY FORD

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of our members' claims," said USAA spokesman Rich Johnson, who added that the company hadn't previously requested a rate increase in Massachusetts in more than three years and has rates that are below projected costs.

Many insurers, who were flooded with claims this past winter, say past experience is a factor in projecting how many claims they will field in the future. According to an analysis from German-based global re-insurer Munich RE, the winter storms in the Northeastern United States were the world's costliest natural catastrophe for insurers in the first half of 2015. The snowstorms caused \$2.4 billion in total losses in the Northeast, \$1.8 billion of which were insured.

"When you have as bad a winter as we did — a historic unprecedented season — there's a cost associated with all that," said Frank O'Brien, a spokesman for the insurance industry group Property Insurers of America. "There were a lot of claims going out the door, and we're in the business of paying claims and providing coverage to people who need it. When you have an increase on the expense side, that puts pressure on the price side, and we had a number of companies in Massachusetts that sought or filed for rate increases. Some companies have received permission to increase rates. Others have been denied."

Barrett questioned the size of the rate increases, the level of scrutiny on the part of regulators and the closed-door approval process.

"Nothing in this field meets the test of common sense expectations," he said. "If you're a citizen, the rate-setting process makes no sense, and if you're a

legislator, it doesn't make sense either. There is very little before-the-fact oversight. The regulators seem to be overwhelmed by the sheer number of staff employed by the insurance companies. This is not a wrestling match of equals."

This year, the Division of Insurance received three requests for small average rate decreases and 11 filings for unchanged rates. A dozen companies either withdrew their rate filings or had them rejected. Filings, according to the Division of Insurance, can be rejected for a number of administrative reasons, such as improperly filling out required forms. Rejected or withdrawn rate requests can be re-filed at a later point.

Filings questioned

According to the Division of Insurance, regulators review each filing to examine each insurer's data on past claims, weather history and anticipated future conditions in an effort to limit abrupt pricing changes year to year. The division requires insurers to submit at least five years worth of data on historical losses and premiums.

In Massachusetts, O'Brien said, there are several factors that contribute to projections for future losses.

Severe weather events including tornadoes and blizzards have hit the state in recent years. He also predicts it's just a matter of time until a hurricane causes significant coastal damage.

"Going forward, it would be less than prudent of us if we didn't prepare for those events from a financial perspective to be in a position to pay claims when customers expect us to be able to," he said.

Increased costs of materials and contractor services, he added, also raise the cost

The rates have also drawn the attention of Attorney General Maura Healey. "We are concerned about the reports that insurers have dramatically raised rates on homeowners based on losses during one winter season," said Chloe Gotsis, a spokeswoman for the AG's office. "During the past several years before this winter, rates were more than sufficient to cover claims from winter damage. Our office has previously asked the Commissioner of Insurance to take a close look at private insurer rates. Before insurers raise rates on homeowners, many of whom operate on a tight budget, they should demonstrate that increases are truly needed and that the current rates do not include price padding."

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of covering claims.

Johnson discussed the factors influencing USAA's rates, which take effect Oct. 20, and denied that particular insurer based its filing on this past winter.

"Rate setting does not recover for past losses," he said. "Rates are set based on the expectation of future losses. Many factors play a role in determining rates.

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O'Brien described the rate review process as rigorous.

"It's not like we go in and charge whatever the market will bear," he said.

"It's an extensive rate review process. Data has to be presented. The DOI puts us through our paces."

Frank Mancini, president of the Massachusetts Association for Insurance Agents, stressed that the latest round of rate filings, which were set to take effect at different points throughout the summer and fall, were not a response to one severe winter, but rather reflect anticipated future conditions based on several years of data.

For customers with an independent insurance agent, the effects of the rate spikes may vary.

"Most independent insurance agents represent many companies," Mancini said.

"Whatever line of insurance it is, insurance agents have a variety of companies that charge different premiums.

If premiums are going up, they can certainly shop that risk around with other rates to find a better deal for the consumer."

While state law doesn't allow excessive or discriminatory rates, it also requires regulators' consideration of a "reasonable margin for underwriting profit and contingencies" for insurers.

"We're not saying the Division of Insurance should set rates that put companies at risk of permanent failure," Barrett said.

"We are saying the original insurance requests need much tougher scrutiny ...

We're talking about a situation where members of the public and the legislature have serious questions."

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CLAIMS

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to mid-January, and late March."

Not to be the bearers of bad news, but that's only three months away. It's not too soon to start battening down those financial hatches and making sure your home is covered.

"Insurance is not a commodity; it's part of your financial plan," said Sean Cunningham, an independent insurance agent with Sullivan, Garrity and Donnelly Insurance Agency. The agency has a location here in Cohasset as well as in Worcester, Chatham, Osterville, Holden, and Boston.

Cunning said the agency handled over 300 claims last winter, averaging \$10,000 each. "This has been the worst winter in terms of claims," he said. "Flood insurance has been a disaster, making houses unsaleable."

Wait, flood insurance?

Cunning explained, "It's not the snow" that's the problem; it's the melting." When ice dams soften, water can push up underneath roof shingles. And when it re-freezes there, it gets inside; there's nothing to be done about it until the water stops coming through.

Roof damage, though, is usually covered by homeowner's insurance. Water

damage on the ground or basement floor is not.

When the snow finally slides down off the roof and sits in piles against the foundation of the house, it can then begin to seep into basements. Perimeter windows can also be a point of weakness. For damage like that, homeowners have to turn to flood insurance... if they have it.

By the time a homeowner notices the beginnings of water damage, whether it's coming in through the roof or the basement, it's too late to do anything other than watch and wait for spring to file a claim.

"A lot of people felt it was a helpless situation" last year, said Cunningham.

To avoid another helpless situation this winter, Cunningham recommends getting flood insurance for homeowners whose houses are susceptible to water entry.

He also recommends making any repairs that were advised by adjusters last year, because insurance carriers will not want to pay out for the same damage a second time; they could even drop homeowners who make "repetitive claims."

For many, repairs meant installing new gutters several inches lower to help prevent ice dams from forming on shingles, or replacing interior sheetrock. Historical homes were brought up to code with ice and water shields, which

are rubber membranes that cover the first four feet of the roof slope.

On the bright side, Cunningham said, there were no total roof collapses here in Cohasset.

"Cohasset was lucky; we're up high," he said. "Scituate and Hull are lower and took the brunt of it."

For instance, one of Cunningham's clients in Scituate had his home blown open during the very first storm on January 27. After the storm pushed in the downstairs window, the waves came through and created a pressure vacuum that sucked open the French doors upstairs so that the blizzard and sea spray got in.

"It was almost a total loss," said Cunningham.

"We've gotten hit before, but haven't had a big claim," said the homeowner, who did not want to be identified due to ongoing claims negotiations. "This time we had to move out for months."

Cunning was on-site and even helped the client's family find a temporary residence in Cohasset while repairs were being made. Fortunately, no one was in the house when it was wrecked; the family had made other arrangements in the face of the coming storm.

The homeowner had to

replace siding, smashed windows, and floors, anything upholstered, kitchen

cabinets, computer monitors, drywall, insulation, HVAC, plumbing, doors, and electrical wiring. The roof, actually, was fine, save for a few damaged shingles. The family lost the belongings stored in their basement, but the homeowner said it was all clutter and they wouldn't be replacing it.

What really stung was that they had redone the entire house just three years ago when they bought it.

The first insurance adjustment covered about 70 percent of the damage, said the homeowner; he is now filing supplemental claims to cover the additional costs involved in restoring the house to its original state.

For instance, insurance gave them \$5,000 to replace damaged electrical wiring, but the town would not issue a remodeling permit, saying that, because it got wet, the wiring had to be completely torn out and installed from scratch. The final price tag was almost three times what insurance had anticipated.

"Nobody's crying for people who live on the ocean, but you make sacrifices to do it," said the homeowner. "You don't take a summer vacation, and that saves you so you can pay your insurance premiums... But we wouldn't trade it. At the end of the day, it's a choice, and it's

worth it."

The January and February 2015 snowstorms caused an estimated total of \$2.4 billion in losses for the Northeast. \$1.8 billion of that was insured.

In response, insurance carriers are hiking rates by an unprecedented nine percent, on average. Factor in standard yearly increases and inflation guards, and most homeowners are looking at rate increases in the neighborhood of 15 percent.

The average Cohasset homeowner pays about \$2,200 per year for insurance. Officials are estimating an average increase of \$100 to annual insurance bills. Auto insurance is also going up, thanks to the increased number of accidents taking place on slick roads obscured by high snow banks.

If things are starting to sound grim, maybe now is the time to revisit your insurance plan.

"Last winter was a chance to compare the coverage you thought you had versus what you actually have and what you need," said Cunningham. "You're in a competitive place where you could be paying less for the same coverage" — or better.

Cunning added that there are credits available for things like good insurance scores, loss-free years, having temperature monitors or permanent generators, getting roof repairs, and paying higher

deductibles. Many people could be getting these credits if only they knew they were available. Some policies also cover wind damage or waive deductibles for damage over \$50,000.

All of that can be a lot to digest and navigate, especially for new homeowners. "Now is a good time to call an independent agent," said Cunningham. Sullivan, Garrity and Donnelly represents 25 personalized carriers and has an in-house claims department.

"If you haven't looked at your insurance in a while," said Cunningham, "this is a good time for a checkup."

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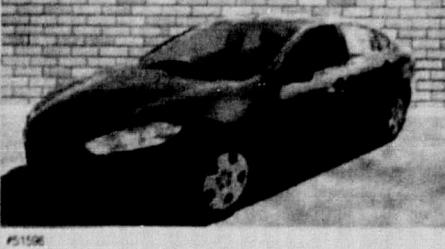
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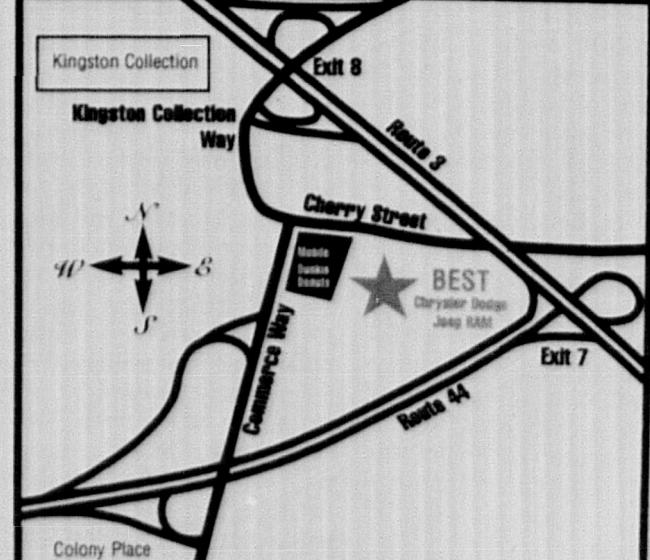
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BASKETBALL

New England Colonials

The New England Colonials International Basketball Club has reserved places on its April 2016 basketball tour to Austria and Germany for qualified Massachusetts high school players. Our Colonials Ambassadors team will select ten New England players (grades 10 and 11) for a ten-day basketball tour that will take the team to Vienna, Innsbruck, Nuremberg and Berlin over the 2016 April school vacation. This New England Colonials tour will celebrate Basketball's 125th Anniversary. This international tour is sponsored by the New England Colonials International Basketball Club. Founded in 1980, the New England Colonials International Basketball Club is a non-profit, volunteer-run program that has as its central purpose the support and encouragement of international friendship and understanding between New England student-athletes and their peers around the world. Over the years, many Massachusetts high school students have traveled and played with our New England Colonials' teams. The team's 2016 roster will be completed by early October. We do not hold tryouts and rely instead on personal interviews and school references. For additional information, please contact us at 508.734.5660, or by E-mail at necolonials@aol.com. Interested parents and players may learn more about the Colonials' program online at the team's website located at www.NewEnglandColonials.net.

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FIELD HOCKEY

Big time rally

Cohasset rallies late to upend DY

By David Konowitch

Down 4-2 in the second half, things looked bleak for the Cohasset High

field hockey team Tuesday afternoon. However, the Skippers were able to produce a flurry of offense and score three goals in

the final 16 minutes to defeat Dennis-Yarmouth, 5-4, at Alumni Field.

"It was big," Cohasset coach Laura Giuliano said.

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Cohasset keeper Grace Lucier blocks a shot by D-Y Julia Paini. Cohasset hosted Dennis-Yarmouth in girls high school field hockey, Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2015.

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FOOTBALL

Dominating defense



Scituate's Chase Allard breaks ahead for some yardage as Cohasset's Victor Najjar closes in from behind, Friday. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO/WILLIAM WASSERSUG

Skipper defense shuts down Scituate offense in 16-0 win

By William Wassersug
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The Cohasset High School varsity football team began their new season in style, opening the defense of their Division 6 State Championship with a dominating 16-0 win over friendly rival,

Scituate.

For the Skippers, the season is going to be an interesting one.

The team had graduated a number of star players who were key contributors to last year's title, but also return a number of key players including starting quarterback Danny Axelson and running back Nick Hall.

Defensive standouts Jack Donohue and Alex Norton also return, giving the team experience in key spots.

Still, with a number of younger players stepping into starting roles, coach Pete Afanasius said this year's team is looking to make it's own

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BOYS SOCCER

Lucky Seven

Skippers notch seven goals in win at Monomoy

By William Wassersug
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The Cohasset boys soccer team had a tough game Friday, in a 1-0 win over Abington. That wasn't the case Wednesday, as the Skippers gave themselves a little breathing room in a 7-0 win at Monomoy.

Junior, Mathias Loft scored three goals, and junior Liam O'Connell, sophomore Andrew Sullivan, Mitchell Buckley and senior captain Matt Legge all chipped in solo tallies in the win.

Loft has six goals in three games now, and as a team, Cohasset has outscored opponents 13-0 in the 3-0 start.

"We had a lot of balance tonight," Cohasset coach Jim Willis said. "We struggled against Abington Friday. We

had tons of possession, but only scored one goal. It was nice to get into a rhythm today."

Loft had the goal in the win over Abington scoring off a corner two minutes in.

"Mathias is doing well from the midfield," Willis said. "He's scrapping for those goals. Overall a lot of guys are taking advantage of opportunities. Hopefully we can keep that pressure up because we have a couple of tough ones coming up. We have a big rematch with Archbishop Williams Friday night under the lights here (Alumni Field, 7 p.m.). They beat us last year in the South Sectional Final. Then we have Rockland on Monday (at Rockland, 4 p.m.). They've been scoring all over the place. Defensively we'll have our hands full."

Goalie Evan canney still hasn't allowed a goal.

With the win, the Skippers improved to 3-0 overall and in South Shore League play.

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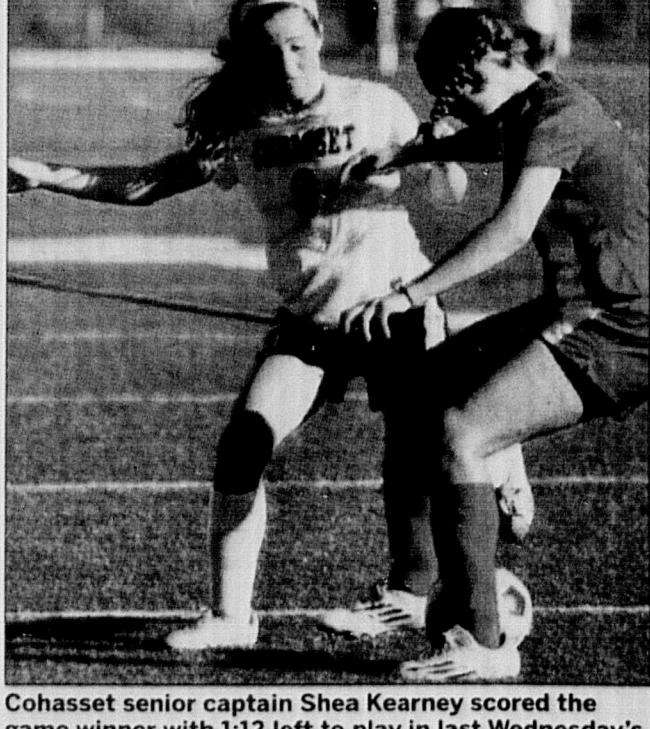
Silver Lake Boys, Hingham girls at the top

By Ryan Wood

For nearly the entire 2013 season, the Silver Lake boys soccer team found itself atop the Inside the 6 rankings, and last year, the Lakers started there, but couldn't hang on. But, they are back at No. 1 after starting off strong against two quality opponents.

Much of the same from the Hingham girls. It was a short week, but a productive one, so they do not relinquish their top spot. There were, however, some big changes after some upsets and some surging teams. Check out the week one rankings; last week's ranking is in parentheses. We also have the first players of the week, and there were several who

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Cohasset senior captain Shea Kearney scored the game winner with 1:12 left to play in last Wednesday's season-opening 3-2 win over Carver. WICKED LOCAL PHOTO/WILLIAM WASSERSUG

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deserved it, but these two made massive impacts.

BOYS**1. Silver Lake** (2) - The

Lakers jump up to No. 1 after an impressive week. They registered wins over Bridgewater-Raynham, 1-0, and Hanover, 2-1.

2. Weymouth (3) - The

Wildcats, up one spot from No. 3, had a solid start to the season, going 1-1 on the week. They dropped a close one to league rivals Framingham, 2-1, and rebounded with a 6-0 win over Dedham.

3. Cohasset (4) - The

Skippers look in great form already. They jump up one spot, notching victories over Abington, 1-0, and Carver, 4-0.

4. Norwell (1) - The Clippers had a strong opener, blanking Marshfield, 3-0, but got upended by Hingham, 2-1, to end the week. They sandwiched a win over Randolph in between, but still drop three spots to No. 4.
5. Scituate (5) - The Sailors got rained out last week, and therefore, remain at No. 5.**6. Hingham** (NR) - The

Harbormen had a light week, but they made the most of it, upsetting the 2015 preseason Inside the 6 No. 1 Norwell, 2-1. That victory finds Hingham in the top six for the first time this season.

On the bubble: Pembroke, Braintree, Hanover**Player of the Week** - Evan Canney (Cohasset) - The senior goalkeeper, who

replaces all-world goalie Pat Federle, who just made the team at had a fantastic first week, posting two shutout victories for the Skippers.

1-0 at home to Abington and 4-0 on the road against Carver.

GIRLS**1. Hingham** (1) - The Hingham girls had a light week, and started strong. They topped a very strong Norwell side, 3-0, to retain their No. 1 spot.**2. Weymouth** (2) - The

Wildcats are dangerous, and they opened up their 2015 campaign with authority.

beating Dedham, 2-0, and Framingham, 5-1.

3. Cohasset (3) - The Skippers took care of business and turned in some quality results, beating an improved Abington side, 6-2, and knocking off one of the favorites in the South Shore League, Carver, 3-2.

4. Scituate (2) - The Sailors were done in by bad weather as rain wiped out their only scheduled match of the week. They drop two spots only due to the fact that everyone else around them had productive weeks.

5. Norwell (3) - It wasn't the best of weeks if you just look at the record, 1-2. However, the Rams lost to Marshfield, 1-0, and No. 1 Hingham, 3-0, two top non-league opponents. The Clippers beat Randolph handily midweek.

6. Marshfield (NR) - The young Rams proved that they are legit, coming right out of the gates and beating Norwell, 1-0, and Barnstable, 2-0. They did get thumped by Bridgewater-Raynham, but so will several teams this year.

6. Silver Lake (NR) - I'll be honest here. I did not see this one coming at all. The Lakers beat Notre Dame Academy, 4-3, one of the biggest wins this program has seen in quite some time. Add a 2-1

victory over Hanover and the Lakers were perfect to start the season.

On the bubble: Plymouth North, Rockland, Carver

Player of the Week: Grace McGettric (Marshfield) - The sophomore forward powered the Rams to two wins out of three. She scored the game-winner in a 1-0 victory over Norwell and tallied one goal in a 2-0 triumph over Barnstable.

The Inside the 6 - Soccer Power Rankings are decided based on a number of criteria: record, strength of schedule, performance against teams in and out of their divisions, goals scored, and goals conceded. The public schools in our coverage area include: Abington, Braintree, Carver, Cohasset, Hanover, Hingham, Marshfield, Norwell, Pembroke, Plymouth North, Plymouth South, Rockland, Scituate, Silver Lake, and Weymouth.



Coach Dennis Keeler gets dunked by Coastal Stars' players. COURTESY PHOTO



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Coastal Stars host annual Puck Drop

The Coastal Stars hosted their 2nd Annual "Puck Drop" and cookout event on August 29 at Daniel Webster School. The Stars' players received their newly designed hockey jerseys in addition to lots of summer fun for the kids including a Dunk tank, waterslide, and accurate/fast shot contests.



Providence Bruins mascot "Samboni" grooves with future Stars Violet Keeler and Colby Dargan. COURTESY PHOTO

RALLY

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"For us, (Dennis-Yarmouth) is a formidable opponent. ...

They pushed us right to the limit."

Facing a two-goal deficit in their South Shore League opener, the Skippers (2-0) called a timeout to talk over strategy and make substitutions to provide fresh legs for the late push.

"What I'm really particularly proud of today is that it was a whole team effort," Giuliano said.

The timeout worked, as Katie Talacci buried a goal with 16:48 remaining to cut the margin to one.

As the game wound down, the Skippers still were looking for the equalizer, and it finally came



Ally Leahy controls the ball. Cohasset hosted Dennis-Yarmouth in girls high school field hockey, Tuesday, Sept. 15. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/GARY HIGGINS

off the stick of sophomore Aidan Chamberlain with 6:05 left.

The Skippers weren't done, continuing the offensive pressure and scoring the winner with 1:34 remaining on a seeing-eye shot from sophomore Olivia Coveney.

"We have some strong sophomore players who are coming up," Giuliano said, "and they performed. (Chamberlain and Coveney) scored the last two goals that won the game."

Cohasset benefited from a balanced offensive attack,

with five different players scoring goals, a good sign for a team that is coming off a 16-3-1 campaign last fall.

"It's awesome," Giuliano said. "I'm really excited about it. I don't know how it will play out for this season, but it gives you a lot of promise."

The offense was sparked by senior Ally Leahy (goal, assist), who was able to control the ball and keep the ball with the Skippers attack.

"She's headed right to where she was last year," Giuliano said of Leahy, a

returning Ledger All-Scholastic selection who posted 27 goals last fall. "She's a major ball-handler and she's a game-changer."

As for the rest of the offense, the Skippers look to continue to get contributions from all over and not rely on a small group of scorers.

"As we put people in, they performed," Giuliano said. "That is huge for going forward in the season. The whole team is performing."

"We'll just try to keep winning, see what happens," Giuliano added. "You just can't predict it."



D-Y Hannah Morse and Cohasset Madison Jones compete for the ball. Cohasset hosted Dennis-Yarmouth in girls high school field hockey, Tuesday. WICKED LOCAL STAFF PHOTO/GARY HIGGINS

GOOD

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Sweeney also had praise for McKelvey.

"Mike is typically No. 1," he said. "He hasn't lost yet. Mike had two par rounds in a row against Carver and Norwell at Cohasset. Both were 36's. He's played very well. I hope we'll have him back soon."

In the No. 2 spot, sophomore Jack Fechter has been solid, including an even par Wednesday.

"He's had a couple of one-and-two-overs," Sweeney said of Fechter.

"He also hasn't lost yet."

Senior Kyle O'Brien has done well.

"Kyle is a senior playing in the No. 4 spot," Sweeney said. "He's consistently in the 40's. He's playing well."

Senior Ben Moy has also played well with consistent scores in the low 40's in the No. 5 spot.

At No. 6 and No. 7, Sweeney has rotated a group of players.

"Sophomore Tommy Carabas has put together some real nice rounds," Sweeney said. "He's had a three-over 39 and a 40."

The team is rounded out by seniors J.P. Adams,

Sam Pitts, Joe Cavanaro, Brian Counihan and Greg Ferriera.

"I'm really happy," Sweeney said of the early results. "We're going for our seventh straight league championship. Our guys are playing really well. They've put together some great rounds. Everyone gets along well and there is great chemistry. I'm very pleased."

The Skippers are at Archbishop Williams next Tuesday, and at Carver Wednesday. They'll be back at home a week from Monday (Sept. 28) against Mashpee.

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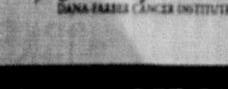
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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Girls soccer firing on all cylinders

Field hockey and football also winners

By Shaun Galvin
For the Cohasset Mariner

The Cohasset Lady Skipper girls soccer team opened the regular season battling the hot 93-degree weather as they faced the Carver Crusaders at Alumni Field.

Cohasset scored first on a goal scored by senior captain Kerry Dunn off a corner kick.

Shortly before halftime Carver scored a goal to tie the game at 1-1 going into halftime.

Early in the second half Cohasset regained the lead as Junior Sophie Matthews scored the go ahead goal which was assisted by senior Meg Rosano to give Cohasset a 2-1 lead.

About halfway through the second half, Carver

scored another goal to tie the game at 2-2. With one minute left in the game Cohasset senior captain Shea Kearney scored the game winning goal as the girls won a 3-2 thriller.

Friday September 11, the girls traveled to Abington to face the Green Wave.

Junior Sophie Matthews scored two goals, both assisted by senior Shea Kearney.

Seniors Kerry Dunn and Emily Rosano scored one goal apiece. Junior Caroline O'Brien and Sophomore Zoe Doherty each scored one goal, the first of their varsity career as the Lady Skipper won 6-2 2-0-0 overall and 2-0-0 in the South Shore League Small School Division.

The Cohasset Lady Skipper Field Hockey team began to defend their South Shore League title with a 6-0 win at East Bridgewater on Tuesday September 8.

On Tuesday September 15 the Lady Skipper had their home opener against

Atlantic Coast League foe Dennis Yarmouth.

Dennis Yarmouth scored first and then minutes later Cohasset senior Julia Staniganelli scored the tying goal for the lady Skippers to tie the game at 1-1.

Later in the first half Dennis Yarmouth scored to make it 2-1 Dolphins.

Cohasset tied the game at 2-2 on a goal by senior Captain Ally Leahy.

Shortly before halftime Dennis Yarmouth scored a goal to take a 3-2 halftime lead.

In the second half Dennis Yarmouth scored on a penalty shot to make it 4-2 Dennis Yarmouth.

Later in the second half it was all Lady Skipper on a 3-0 run.

Junior Katie Talacci scored a goal to make it 4-3, sophomore Aiden Chamberlain scored to tie the game at 4-4 and sophomore Olivia Coveney scored the game-winning goal assisted by Talacci with 1:34 left to play as improved to 2-0-0

overall and 1-0-0 in the South Shore League.

The team traveled to Norwell to play the Lady Clippers on Thursday September 17 (results unavailable at press time).

The Cohasset Skippers Football team opened the regular season on Friday September 11, defending their first ever state title.

With a huge crowd on hand at Alumni Field the Cohasset Skippers played the Scituate Sailors in a crosstown matchup.

In the second quarter senior kicker Henry Butenschoen kicked a 30-yard field goal through the uprights as Cohasset took a 3-0 lead.

Senior Quarterback Danny Axelson threw a 39-yard touchdown pass to Senior Chris Norton and Butenschoen kicked the extra point which was good to make it 10-0.

Shortly before halftime Axelson threw a 26-yard touchdown to Senior Ray Tolosko to give Cohasset a 16-0 lead at halftime.

Junior Xander Schubert caught one pass for 30 yards.

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Cohasset freshman Maeve Humphrey. WICKED LOCAL

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16-0 lead at halftime.

Senior Nick Hall, senior Chris Norton and junior Thomas Durkin ran well on the running attack.

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Senior Alex Norton registered three sacks, and

seniors Max Fitzgerald, Cal Osten, Yvan Watson, sophomore Will Thomas and junior Liam Prescott played well.

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DEFENSE

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mark.

"The kids came out in the preseason wanting to forge their own identity," he said. "They are young and hungry. We have guys who had been playing behind guys like Tim Gillis and Matt Froio who are ready to step in and make their own mark. This is their team."

As for the opener, Afanasius liked what he saw.

"It was a good start," Afanasius said. "The kids played hard. It was a hard physical game. I was very happy with the defense ... and the offense."

The pause with the offense was due to a couple of mistakes in the early going.

"We made a couple of mistakes," Afanasius said. "It's still the first game of the season. I loved the intensity. The kids played their butts off. I'm proud of them."

The Skippers started slowly, but picked up some steam when Henry Butenschoen knocked home a 30-yard field goal at the beginning of the second quarter for a 3-0 lead.

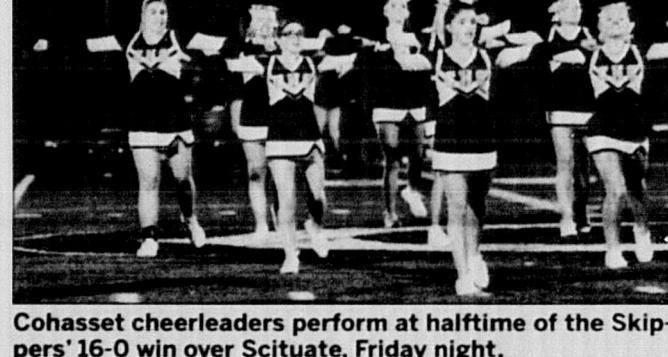
With the Skipper defense, led by defensive ends Donohue and Alex Norton, running amok and completely stifling everything Scituate tried to do offensively, Cohasset had the luxury of taking a bit of time to get the offense going.

"Jack Donohue is a beast," Afanasius said as Donohue was heading out the door

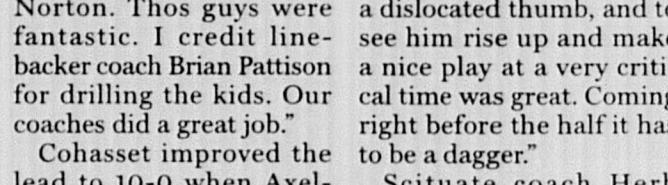


Cohasset's Nick Hall turns a corner during the first half of the Skippers' 16-0 win over Scituate. WICKED LOCAL

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Cohasset cheerleaders perform at halftime of the Skippers' 16-0 win over Scituate, Friday night.



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after the game. "And Alex Norton. Those guys were fantastic. I credit linebacker coach Brian Patterson for drilling the kids. Our coaches did a great job."

Cohasset improved the lead to 10-0 when Axelson connected with Chris Norton on a 39-yard catch-and-run play for a touchdown late in the first half.

The nail in the coffin, however was the last play of the first half when Axelson fired a 27-yard touchdown pass to Ray Tolosko with less than a second remaining.

"That touchdown was huge," Afanasius said. "Ray

missed all of last year with a dislocated thumb, and to see him rise up and make a nice play at a very critical time was great. Coming right before the half it has to be a dagger."

Scituate coach Herb Devine was impressed with the Skipper defense.

"I have to give them credit," he said. Cohasset played a good game. Their



Cohasset cheerleaders perform at halftime of the Skippers' 16-0 win over Scituate, Friday night.



Cohasset's Liam Prescott enjoys the Skippers' 16-0 win over Scituate.

defensive ends manhandled our kids. They executed and completely stopped us. They outplayed us all night."

Next up for the Skippers is a trip to Rockland, Friday night.

"I don't know much about

them," Afanasius said, when asked what his team needs to do in game No. 2. "It's always tough to play in the Dog Pound. I know offensively we have to clean a few things up, improve on some blocking assignments.

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"We need to focus on cleaning up our mistakes on both offense and defense and just get back to trying to get better," said Kelliher about the upcoming week's preparations for the SSL encounter with Cohasset.

"Cohasset is an excellent team but we will be ready Friday night."

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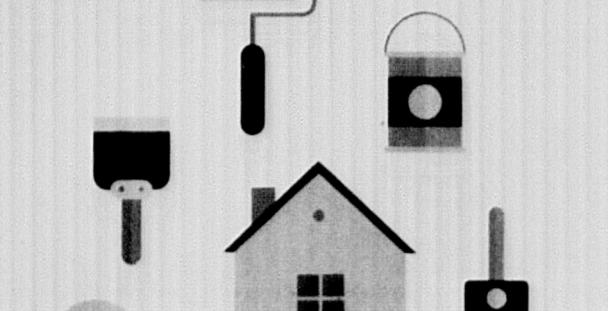
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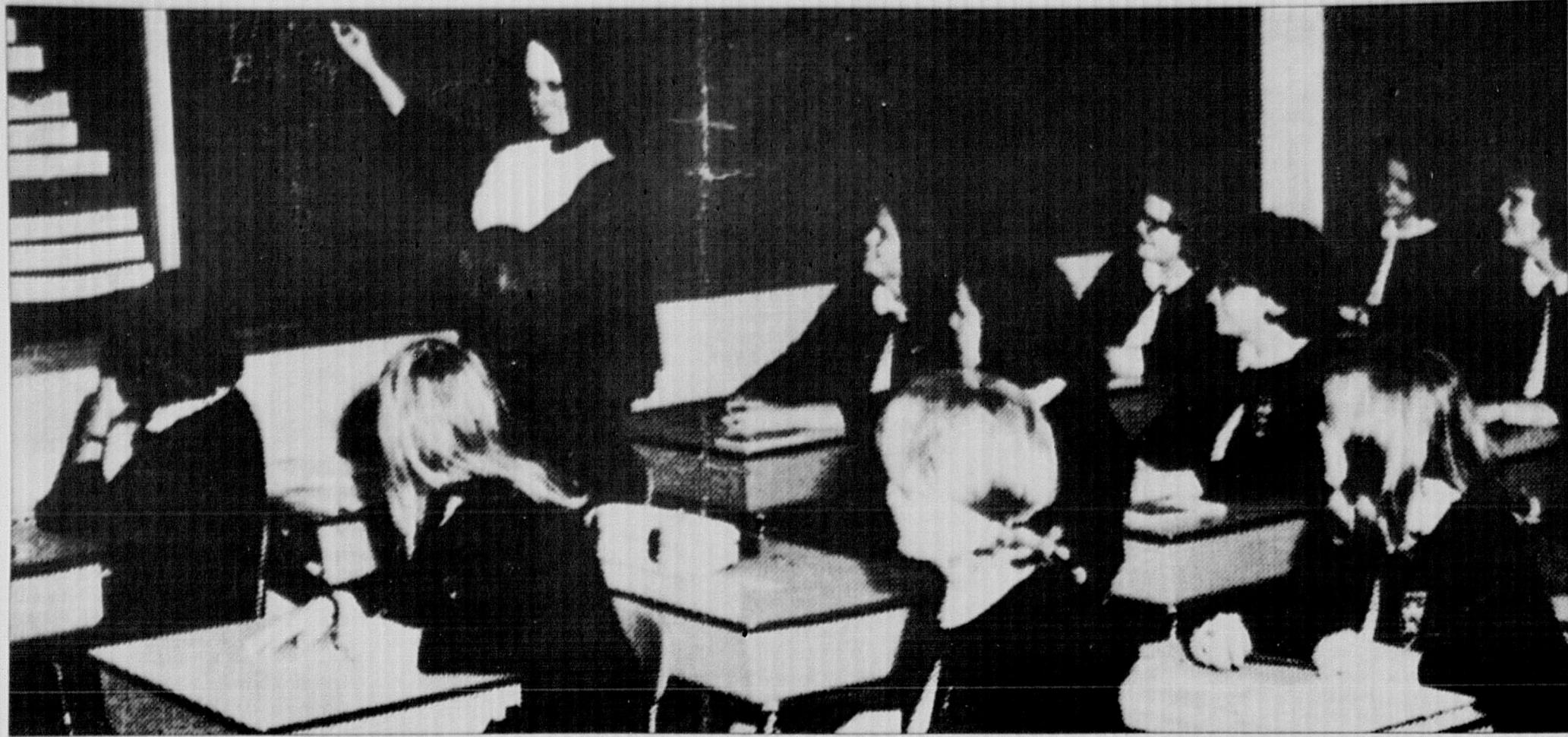
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In 1966 there were 13 nuns teaching in the classroom and three lay faculty members. Today NDA has two nuns in the classroom and more than 100 lay faculty and staff. COURTESY PHOTO

Celebrating 50 years in Hingham

New campus opened in 1965

By Gail Besse Ryberg
correspondent

Gas cost 31 cents a gallon and a loaf of bread 21 cents when Notre Dame Academy's new campus opened in Hingham.

The Vietnam War would continue for another decade. When that first school year began, kids played vinyl records; the Rolling Stones couldn't "Get No Satisfaction" and the Righteous Brothers cried, "You've Lost that Lovin' Feelin'."

In 1965 the young Catholic ladies wore white gloves to the ceremony with Boston Cardinal Richard Cushing dedicating the school's Hingham campus. The Class of 1966 was its first graduating class from NDA's new location. Now granddaughters of those alumnae are graduating high school and college.

The Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur had operated Notre Dame in Boston's Roxbury section from 1854 until the land was sold and the high school moved.

To celebrate its 50 years in Hingham, Notre Dame Academy will hold an anniversary celebration Saturday, Sept. 19 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The classes of 1966 and 2016 will receive special recognition. Boston City Councilwoman and NDA alumna Maureen Feeney '66 will speak at the ceremony.

The gathering, at 1073 Main St., is open to the public. It will feature an open house, school tours, exhibits from the archives, a barbecue, family games and a bounce house – that modern entertainment phenomenon that can actually trace its roots back more than 50 years.

For some, the Notre Dame legacy spans generations.

Mary Bell of Hingham, for example, is a 1961 graduate. Her grandmother Katherine Gardner graduated in 1891. Bell's three daughters are alumnae; her daughter Maura Bell Boucher's two daughters are now in NDA's junior and freshman classes.

"My kids received an excellent education," Bell said. "It gave them a good foundation – educationally, socially and spiritually. It helped foster their faith internally, which is so important."

Many parents of alumnae agreed that a Catholic education was their main reason for choosing Notre Dame. "The most important thing in the lives of my husband Paul, myself and our whole family is our Catholic faith," said Priscilla Keough of Hingham (mother of Krysta Keough '07).

The religious order of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur was founded in 1804 by Saint Julie Billiart, a peasant woman,



A scene from the 1965 dedication ceremony at the new Hingham campus with Cardinal Cushing. COURTESY PHOTO

and Francoise Blin de Bourdon, a noblewoman. They worked to evangelize and educate girls during the upheaval of the French Revolution.

NDA is committed to developing "the faith, character and scholarship of girls in grades 7-12," according to its website (ndahingham.com). Its mission: to be a "vibrant, Catholic, college-preparatory learning community..."

That mission has remained constant despite the last half-century of changes.

The Class of 1966 had 62 members, according to Katie Quinn Miller, '97, NDA director of communications; the class of 2016 has 145.

"Our curriculum has evolved as the needs of our students have evolved," Miller said. "The order's foundress was known for saying, 'In the schools, teach whatever is necessary to equip the students for life.' Today that includes iPads, travel exchange programs, community service opportunities, and much more."

"In 1966 there were 13 nuns teaching in the classroom and three lay faculty members," Miller said.

"Now there are two religious sisters in the classroom and a little more than 100 lay faculty and staff."

In 2006, the convent adjoining the school building was torn down and replaced by a new wing to house science labs, offices, and a campus ministry center. "Until this summer, the school had always been led by nuns," Miller said. "This year we welcomed Mr. Jamie Collins as the school's first permanent lay president."

Basketball was NDA's only interscholastic sport in 1966.



Notre Dame Academy is a Catholic school for young women in grades 7-12, sponsored by the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. To celebrate its 50 years in Hingham, NDA will hold an anniversary celebration Saturday, Sept. 19 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The classes of 1966 and 2016 will receive special recognition. COURTESY PHOTO



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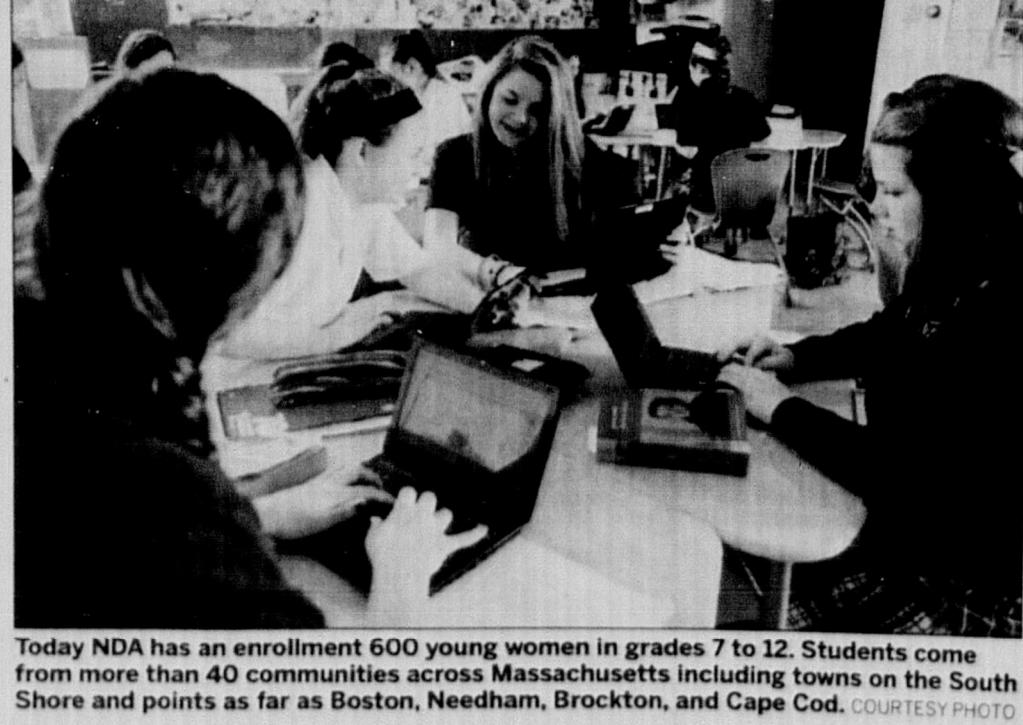
Now 18 sports, from softball to ice hockey, are offered.

For that first graduating class of 1966 in Hingham, the move to the new school building was bittersweet.

Some, like alumna Catherine Coccimiglio '66, had attended NDA in Boston since first grade. Grade 12 on the South Shore was a whole new deal.

She reflected on her memories in an article in this summer's edition of Notre Dame's magazine "Vita!" Coccimiglio's senior year contained both nostalgia for the former spacious and historic campus and appreciation for the "firsts" the new one offered: first gym class, first actual physical education teacher, first guidance counselor.

"Recalling my years at NDA mostly brings me back to Roxbury and obviously the one year in Hingham, but as the years



Today NDA has an enrollment 600 young women in grades 7 to 12. Students come from more than 40 communities across Massachusetts including towns on the South Shore and points as far as Boston, Needham, Brockton, and Cape Cod. COURTESY PHOTO

pass, I realize that it is not the building that makes the school – it is the people

and memories we carry in

our hearts," she wrote.

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Front: Elaine Wixted, Nora Cunningham, Maddy Milanoski, Miranda Schmidt, Back: Calliope Lanier, Maggie Young, Nola Gallagher, Lisel Nee, Meg Dugan, Elle Coleman, Julia Willette, Chrissy McMillin, missing: Justine Najjar. COURTESY PHOTO

Girl Scouts and the Food Pantry

Troop #88288 will be at Stop & Shop this Saturday, Sept. 19 and Sunday Sept. 20, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. collecting "perishable" food for our local Cohasset Food pantry.

list of what they are
hoping will be donated.

Their idea came from
research on childhood
hunger and working
at the food pantry in
2014/15. They wanted to
make a difference in our
own town to help those
in need get healthier
options. The sixth grade
troop has a goal to con-
tinue this throughout the
year. Another food drive
will be held at Stop &
Shop in October, Oct. 17
and 19.

To start the year off,
troop #88288 will be
at Stop & Shop this
Saturday, Sept. 19 and
Sunday Sept. 20, from
11 a.m. to 2 p.m. collecting
"perishable" food for
our local Cohasset Food
pantry. The goal is to get
healthy fresh fruit and
vegetables into the homes
of the people who need
it. At the Stop and Shop
entrance the girls will be
passing out a shopping

solution. From January
till May they will mentor
the younger troops as
they work side by side to
gather donated perishable
food for the Cohasset
pantry.

Troop #88288 wanted
to thank Fred Ger-
stencker, of Stop & Shop,
for working with the
Girl Scouts and allowing
them to set up a dona-
tion booth. Also thank
you Jane Corry, from the
Cohasset Food Pantry, for
coordinating to get the
healthy food to those in
need. Anyone interested
in donating to the food
pantry through the Girl
Scouts can contact Jen
Schmidt at troop88288@yahoo.com.

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DOG TALES

Rocky ready to share his heart

My name is Rocky and I'm a 4-year-old miniature Australian Shepherd. I'll come right out and say it: I am desperate for someone to love me. My previous owners never had time for me or knew how to take care of me (in fact, I was suffering from a very bad skin infection when I first got to the shelter). And then they moved and left me behind.

As you can imagine, this hit me very hard. We Australian Shepherds are famous for having big hearts and getting really attached to our families, which means I've been pretty devastated and frankly, quite pathetic since I arrived at the shelter.

The sad fact is that I know I need a special family because I am told I suffer from something called "Separation Anxiety." It means that I get terribly afraid when I am left alone, and I wail and panic, forgetting everything I ever knew about house-training. So I need a family who will work with me on that, and maybe who already has a dog or cat at home (I love cats!). And in my dream world, my new parents will be home with me a lot of the



Rocky is adorable to look at and super loving and sweet once he gets over his initial shyness. PHOTO BY RICH MCSWEENEY

time, or take me when they go on errands sometimes. And they definitely won't get rid of me when they move.

But enough about the bad stuff. I'm told I am really adorable to look at and super loving and sweet once I get over my initial shyness. My breed is famous for being smart, easily trained and athletic. Did you know that we are stars at agility competitions? It's true: even though I'm very small (under 20

pounds), I love to go for walks and run around. Exercise is one of the things that reduces my anxiety.

Will you give me a chance? I'd really love to learn to trust again and I think I could make someone very happy.

Interested? Email at Info@scituateanimalshelter.org or call 781-544-4533

As told to Lisey Good, of the Scituate Animal Shelter

SUNDAY

Doggie event at Wompatuck

DoggiePawLooza is the annual fundraiser for Standish Humane Society held at Wompatuck State Park in Hingham, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20.

This event includes a 3-mile walk through the

state forest, face-painting, a bouncy house, a pet photo booth, food, dog contests, animal behavior advice, dog agility and training demonstrations, live music, raffles and more. There will also be a number of exhibitors and

vendors. Dogs are welcome as long as they are on a leash, have a rabies vaccination tag, and are up to date on their vaccinations. Contact Standish Humane Society at 781-834-4663.

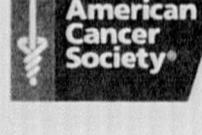
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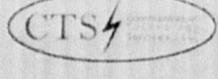
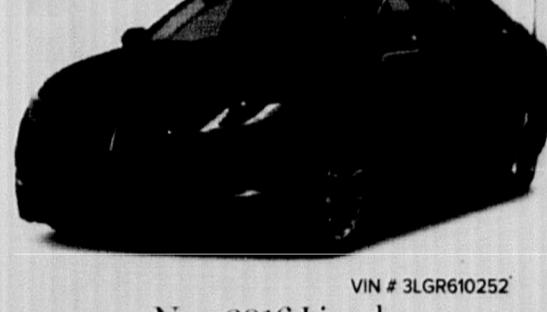
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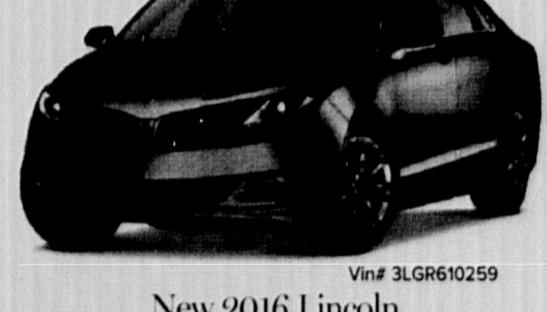
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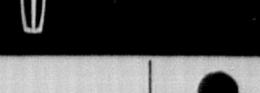
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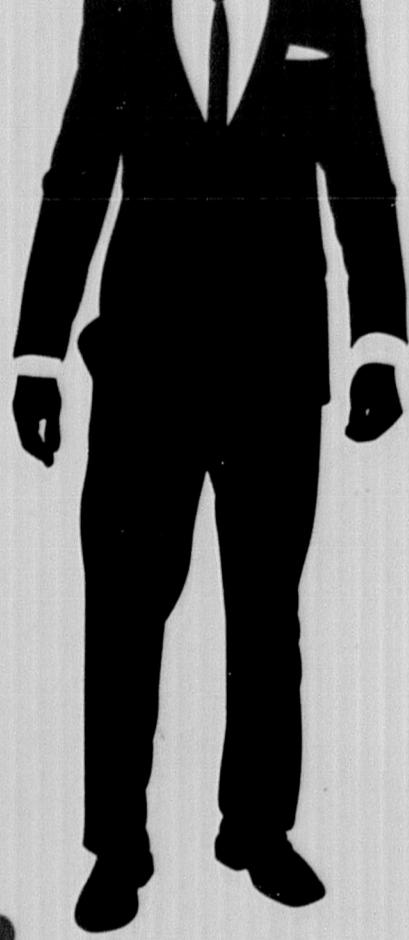
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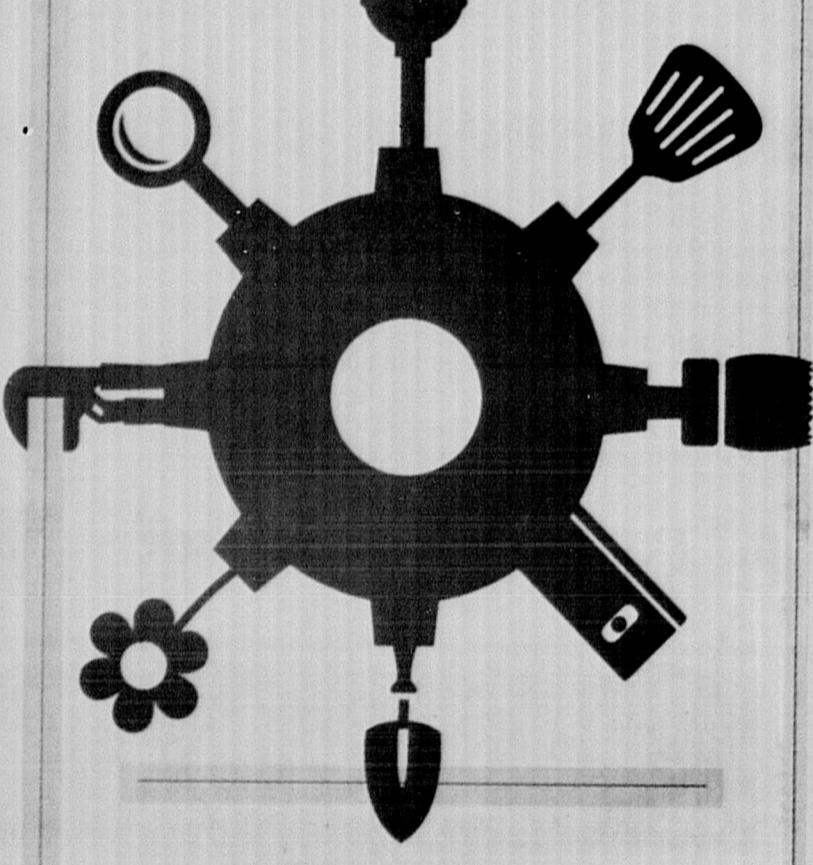


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SUMMER CONCERT

Sunset at the Abbey

The Atlantic Symphony's annual Sunset at the Abbey concert was held Saturday, Aug. 22 at Glastonbury Abbey. The concert featured Atlantic Symphony Players as well as South Shore's exciting acoustic rock band, Border

Road II.

"The Abbey concert is one of the best summer concerts on the South Shore - it's a unique blend of musical genres all played at a beautiful locale, the Glastonbury Abbey," notes Kate

LaVigne of the ASO.

The ASO's annual concert season begins soon with Opening Night on Oct. 17, at the Center for the Arts, Thayer Academy, Braintree featuring soprano singer Chelsea Basler. For more

information, visit the ASO at atlanticsymphony.org or call 781-331-3600.

PHOTOS BY
LISA AIMOLA



Corinne Cahill, Jeff Steele and husband Donald, all of Cohasset sit on the lawn during the show.



Kevin Deeley shares a laugh with a fellow concert-goer during the intermission at Glastonbury Abbey.



Border Road II perform during the Sunset at the Abbey concert.



Elzbieta Brandys plays the flute to the delight of the audience.



Ryan Yure plays the clarinet beautifully.



Kate LaVigne, Director of Production and Personnel for the Atlantic Symphony Orchestra, hugs Chase Boles, 9, of Hingham, during the concert.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries appearing in this section are paid for and written by families, often through the services of a funeral director.

Katherine M. Lincoln

COHASSET — Katherine M. Lincoln, age 86, of Cohasset, died peacefully after a long illness on Sunday evening, July 12, 2015.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, Sept. 25.

Doris Flint

COHASSET — Doris (Kerr) Flint, of Cohasset, passed away peacefully on Dec. 13, 2014, at the age of 93.

Wife of the late Melvin Burnside and the late Richard Flint, she is survived by her daughters Sandra Anderson of Centennial, CO, Donna Pope (Robert) of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Pamela Agni (Edward) of Scituate, MA. She will be missed by her grandchildren Christopher Bowman of Centennial, CO, Todd Bowman of Allston, MA, Edward Agni III of Marshfield, MA, Lisa Agni of Bealeton, VA and Michael Agni of Scituate, MA. She leaves behind 4 great-grandchildren: Gabriela Bowman, Emanuel Bowman, Abigail Bowman, and Edward Agni IV.

Stephen N. Bobo

COHASSET — Stephen Norton Bobo, age 86, of Cohasset, passed away on September 11, 2015.

He was the beloved husband of Vivien Elaine (Anderson) Bobo; and devoted father of Stephen A. Bobo and wife Heidi, and Kristine N. Specht and husband A. Thomas Specht Jr.; loving grandfather of Samantha Bobo, and Julia and Melissa Specht.

Mr. Bobo was a graduate of Tabor Academy, Class of 1947, and the U.S. Naval Academy, Class of 1951. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War.

Stephen worked as an engineer at the Federal Transportation Dept. for over 25 years, where he developed tire testing technology. He later was President of Nondestructive Engineering, developing the tank inspection process for LNG tankers.

Mr. Bobo was also an independent expert consultant regarding failure of new and re-tread aircraft tires.

Stephen built two 32' sailboats and numerous smaller sailboats, kayaks, and many sailboat full and half models.

He also taught boatbuilding to high school students and was a board member at the

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COHASSET POLICE/FIRE LOG

Friday, Sept. 4

12:32 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., Curtis Liquors, disabled motor vehicle broken down in the lot. Appears vehicle possibly has a broken axle. Owner called back stating vehicle is going to be removed this morning.

12:55 a.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle crash, arrest. Caller believes he heard a car crash just before curve on S. Main Street. Officer reports gray pickup with heavy front end damage from hitting guardrail. Possibly missing a wheel. Requests surrounding towns be notified. Officer reports off with male party in front of French Memories. Party in custody. Express Towing notified and responding.

1:32 a.m. S. Main St., Red Lion Inn, K9. Party was located prior to K9 arrival.

1:46 a.m. S. Main St., medical aid. Police Department requests medics for an evaluation of party from accident.

7:01 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., Harborview Center for Nursing, past break. Caller reports someone broke in overnight. Broken glass and open drawers in the office.

8:23 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., Harborview Center for Nursing. Police Department investigation, follow-up.

10:36 a.m. S. Main St., Cohasset Village, community service.

11:33 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop, verbal warning.

12:32 p.m. Border St., Atlantica, suspicious activity. Caller reports a male in a navy blue Ford Fusion with sunglasses on possibly smoking marijuana in his car. Area searched, nothing found.

1:50 p.m. S. Main St., Cohasset Village, community service.

2:18 p.m. Border Street Bridge, disturbance; group removed.

2:32 p.m. Forest Ave., Wadleigh Park, parking enforcement; citations issued.

2:57 p.m. Beechwood St.,

larceny report, arrest. Caller reports electrical wire and copper taken from the property under renovation. Caller believes person who took it is still on site. Adult male in custody.

3:31 p.m. Atlantic Ave., Sandy Beach, parking enforcement; no violators at this time.

5:06 p.m. Pleasant St., past break. Caller reports someone broke into home. Jewelry and files taken. Officer to canvass neighborhood.

6:51 p.m. Lantern Lane, fraud. Caller received a fraudulent phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS.

7:19 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop; verbal warning.

9:17 p.m. Border St., animal call. Caller reports a barking dog. Has been barking for an hour.

10:04 p.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop; citation issued.

10:28 p.m. Beechwood St., motor vehicle stop; citation issued. Express has the vehicle.

10:57 p.m. Lighthouse Lane and Border St., disturbance. Caller reports a group of about 10 kids throwing fireworks off a rock near the Lightkeepers Inn and Border Street Bridge.

Saturday, Sept. 5

1:39 a.m. King St., Mobil Mart, motor vehicle stop; citation issued to operator. Express towing notified and en route.

6:17 a.m. King St., motor vehicle stop; citation issued.

6:32 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop; verbal warning.

6:55 a.m. Forest Ave., traffic enforcement.

8:37 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop; citation issued.

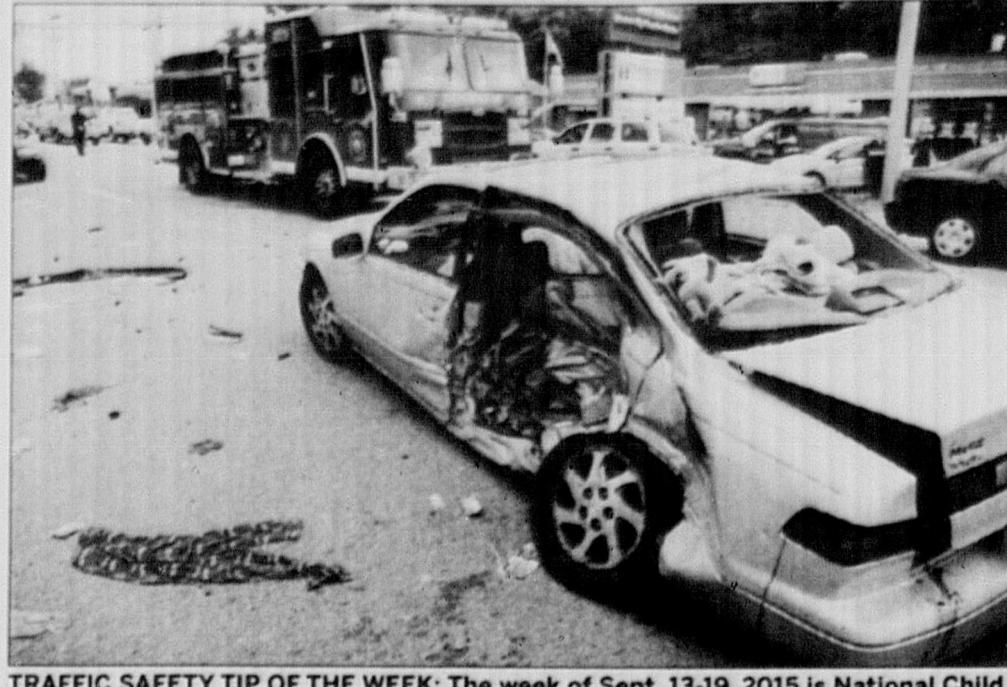
1:50 p.m. N. Main St., Cohasset Common, community service.

2:24 p.m. Border Street Bridge, disturbance; peace restored.

2:35 p.m. Forest Ave., Wadleigh Park, parking enforcement; citations issued.

9:14 a.m. Sohier St., motor vehicle stop; citation issued.

9:27 a.m. Forest Ave., Wadleigh Park, parking enforcement; no violators at this time.



TRAFFIC SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK: The week of Sept. 13-19, 2015 is National Child Passenger Safety Week. Car crashes remain the leading cause of death for children 1-13. Many times deaths and injuries can be prevented by proper use of car seats. If you're traveling with one child, the safest place is in the middle rear seat. It provides distance and protection from a side impact. This side impact crash happened on Whiting Street in Hingham. COURTESY PHOTO

9:47 A.M. S. MAIN ST., motor vehicle crash, arrest.

Caller reports motor vehicle crash, car vs. house. Driver is out of the truck. Police and Fire chiefs have been notified; building inspector notified. Duty wrecker en route. Express responding.

A drug recognition officer responding.

11:09 a.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy. and Pond St., motor vehicle stop; citation issued.

11:10 a.m. Summer St., motor vehicle stop; verbal warning.

12:04 p.m. Atlantic Ave., motor vehicle stop; citation issued.

12:27 p.m. Atlantic Ave., Sandy Beach, parking enforcement; no violators at this time.

1:50 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop; citation issued.

1:54 p.m. N. Main St., Cohasset Common, community service.

2:24 p.m. Border Street Bridge, disturbance; parties removed from the bridge.

3:45 p.m. Chief Justice Cushing Hwy., motor vehicle stop; verbal warning.

4:44 p.m. Forest Ave., Wadleigh Park, parking enforcement; parking ticket.

4:54 p.m. Cedar and Hull streets, clear of traffic.

5:26 p.m. Old Pasture Road, animal call. Caller reports there is a dog screeching and barking.

Caller states it has been going on for approximately 3 hours. Caller concerned something is wrong with the dog. Clear, all quiet in the area.

5:30 p.m. Linden Drive, power outage. Caller reports his electricity is out for approximately 20 minutes.

States all his neighbors appear to have electricity. National Grid notified and will be responding. National Grid on scene: wiring inspector on scene.

5:31 p.m. Lily Pond Lane, medical aid.

6:58 p.m. S. Main and Spring streets, out on traffic enforcement.

7:12 p.m. S. Main St., motor vehicle stop; citation issued to the operator.

7:37 p.m. Elm St., medical aid.

8:27 p.m. Sohier St., out on traffic.

8:40 p.m. Parker Ave., medical aid.

9:05 p.m. Police Headquarters, threats. Party in lobby looking to speak to an officer in regards to threats received from an ex.

9:12 p.m. Forest Ave. and Heather Drive, motor vehicle stop; citation issued.

9:35 p.m. Atlantic Ave., medical aid.

10:52 p.m. S. Main St., suspicious activity. Caller reports people driving down neighbor's driveway, house is vacant. Units clear, property appears secure.

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10:59 p.m. Sohier St., noise complaint. Loud music in the area.

8:40 p.m. Parker Ave., medical aid.

9:05 p.m. Police Headquarters, threats. Party in lobby looking to speak to an officer in regards to threats received from an ex.

9:12 p.m. Forest Ave. and Heather Drive, motor vehicle stop; citation issued.

9:35 p.m. Atlantic Ave., medical aid.

10:52 p.m. S. Main St

FOOD

TIP OF THE WEEK

Simple ideas for easy entertaining

For seasoned pros and home cooks alike, entertaining friends and family is an opportunity to gift loved ones with a taste of festive fun. A few simple tips will help make it easy to cook up one delicious spread.

* Plan a menu that lets you enjoy the party, too. Serve a simple main course, and let the smaller dishes and desserts be the heroes of the holiday. Flavorful finger foods, appetizers and sweets are easily prepared and guests can serve themselves.

* Keep your kitchen stocked with a few key ingredients that can be used in a variety of dishes. For example, Philadelphia Cream Cheese is perfect in rich cheesecake and other desserts, but it also lends a creamy texture to appetizers and main dishes.

* Remember that special can be simple, and recipes do not need to be complex to be guest-worthy. Take care to offer a diverse selection to satisfy a range of tastes and dietary needs.

— Family Features

EASY RECIPE



Classic Cheesecake

■ 1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
■ 3 tablespoons sugar
■ 1/2 cup butter or margarine, melted
■ 4 packages Philadelphia Cream Cheese, softened
■ 1 cup sugar
■ 1 teaspoon vanilla
■ 4 eggs

Heat oven to 325 degrees.

Mix graham crumbs, 3 tablespoons sugar and butter; press onto bottom of 9-inch springform pan.

Beat cream cheese, 1 cup sugar and vanilla with mixer until blended. Add eggs, 1 at a time, mixing on low speed after each just until blended. Pour over crust.

Bake 1 hour or until center is almost set. Run knife around rim of pan to loosen cake; cool before removing rim. Refrigerate for 4 hours.

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FOOD QUIZ

Made with meringue, cream and fruit, what is the name of this popular dessert from Australia and New Zealand?

A. Pavlova
B. Aloo pie
C. Carac
D. Croline

Answer at bottom of column.

WORD TO THE WISE

Agnolotti: Agnolotti ("priest hats") are stuffed, fresh pasta from the Piedmont region. Agnolotti are traditionally made by folding small, thinly rolled rounds of pasta dough over fillings into a half-moon (or rectangular) shape, and crimping the edges to seal.

— Cookthink

QUIZ ANSWER

A. The dessert is called pavlova.

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THE DISH ON...

'A Real Southern Cook,' by Dora Charles —

In her first cookbook, a revered former cook at Savannah's most renowned restaurant divulges her locally famous Savannah, Georgia, recipes — many of them never written down before — and those of her family and friends. — *Rox Martin/Houghton Mifflin Harcourt*



Fall flavor

Maple Walnut Cookies will delight your friends, family

By the editors of Relish Magazine

Want to be a smart cookie? Here are some cookie-baking tips from the Relish test kitchen:

- Use self-rising flour, which has leavening agents and salt in premeasured proportions. No need to worry with measuring out baking powder and soda.
- Make sure your ingredients are room temperature.
- Use an insulated baking pan.
- Don't "fluff" the creamed mixture. This whips too much air into the dough. Beat just until creamy.
- When adding the flour, beat the mixture just until the flour disappears.
- Remove your cookies from the oven just before they look done. A tan cookie will be more dense and pliable than a golden cookie.
- Don't cram extra cookies on the baking sheet. Each sheet should hold one dozen.
- Use a small or medium scoop to measure your dough.
- Make sure your baking sheet cools down before scooping a second batch onto it to keep your cookies from spreading too much.
- A metal cake spatula is better for removing cookies from the pan — it's less sticky than a rubber cookie spatula.

Maple Walnut Cookies

Cookie ingredients:

- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 cup whole-wheat flour
- 1 cup self-rising white flour (plus 1/2 to 1 cup more if needed)
- 2 cups coarsely chopped walnuts
- 1 teaspoon maple flavoring
- 1 teaspoon salt

Icing ingredients:

- 4 tablespoons butter
- 2 cups powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon maple flavoring
- 3 to 4 tablespoons milk

Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.

Combine butter, sugars,

eggs, flavoring, and salt and beat until just combined. Add flours, 1 cup at a time. If dough is sticky to the touch, add more self-rising flour in 1/2-cup increments until smooth. Stir in walnuts.

Scoop onto a baking sheet one dozen at a time. Bake in center of oven 10 to 13 minutes, until cookies are puffy and beginning to turn tan. Remove from oven and let cool.

Meanwhile, mix icing ingredients until texture is smooth and thick. Add more milk or sugar to achieve a creamy texture. Ice tops of cookies.

Makes 2 dozen.

Recipe by Mary Carter. Photo by Kyle Dreier/styling by Teresa Blackburn.



Cornbread chowder goes south of the border

At the Hilburn home, chowder is enjoyed all year round. It is the perfect "before the game" meal and is also a good side dish for those burgers at a tailgate party.

I often get recipes in unusual ways, so it was interesting when I heard how Dr. Mike West got a new recipe for chowder.

It seems that when he and his wife, Sheryl, go grocery shopping, he likes to see what other shoppers have in their grocery carts.

One day, he asked a woman in the checkout line, "What's for dinner?"

She said she was going home to make a big pot of cornbread chowder. His reaction was probably about like mine would have been: "Cornbread chowder?"

I like cornbread and I like chowder, but I would



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never think of putting them in the same pot.

He admitted that by the time he could get it written down, he had forgotten some of the ingredients, so he and Sheryl decided to make their version using what he could remember and a few of their own ideas.

They certainly did a great job, because it was wonderful.

Of course, I couldn't leave it "as is." I decided to make my own "South of the border" version using Mexican cornbread mix.

I also opted to use Yukon

gold potatoes because I like their buttery flavor.

No doubt about it, this is a very versatile recipe for those who like to be creative in the kitchen.

As I was making the chowder, several other ideas came to mind. I know we don't associate cornbread with Italian food but there is no reason why we can't add a little Italian flavor to our Southern favorites.

For this one, I would use hot Italian sausage and a container of Italian cooking cream (marketed by Kraft). This product is found near the cream cheese in the supermarket. It could replace the cheese called for in the recipe.

If you would like to cut down on the cooking time, you could cook the potatoes and onions in water until barely fork tender and then add them to the

other ingredients in the soup pot.

By the way, the following recipe makes a lot of chowder, so be sure you use a big soup pot. I had enough to enjoy for several meals and also shared it with others.

South of the Border Cornbread Chowder

- 3 cups peeled and cubed Yukon gold potatoes
- 3/4 cup chopped onions
- 4 cups water
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 pound pork sausage, cooked and drained
- 1 can (11 ounces) chipotle white corn, drained
- 1 can (15 ounces) cream-style corn
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 can chicken broth (about 1 1/4 cups)
- 1 package (6 ounces) Mexican cornbread mix
- 1 cup half-and-half
- 1 1/2 cups shredded Colby

Jack cheese

Combine potatoes, onions, water, butter and salt in large soup pot. Cook until potatoes are fork tender but not mushy. Do not drain.

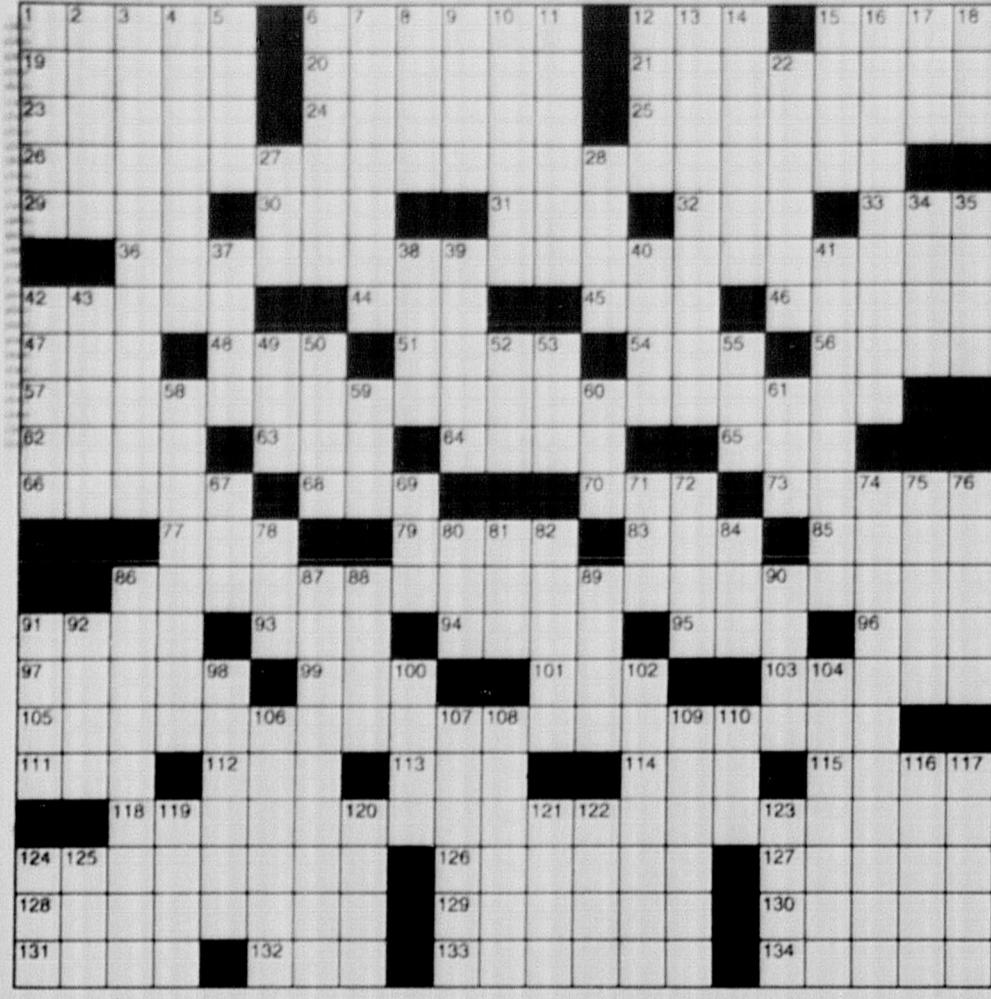
Add sausage, corn, soup, broth and cornbread mix. Continue to cook over medium heat until mixture begins to thicken slightly. This chowder will need to be stirred often to prevent sticking because it is a thick mixture. Add half-and-half and cheese. Cook until cheese is melted.

If the chowder seems to be too thick, thin with a little more half-and-half or broth. Taste and add salt and black pepper, if needed.

Prudence Hilburn of Piedmont, Alabama, has won more than 30 national cooking awards and written several cookbooks. Write her at prudencehilburn@aol.com or visit prudencehilburn.com.

PUZZLES

Crossword • Disorderly New Year



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ACROSS

1 Not live, as a TV show
6 Flight in a building
12 Nature lover's prefix
15 Service station fixture
19 Old Olds
20 Chicken of — (tuna brand)
21 Diggessions
23 "The Cosby Show" wife
24 Wild-animal tracking aid
25 Tree-planting observance
26 Try to find a figure of a person carved in oak?
29 Goad
30 Architect I.M. —
31 Ending of sugar names
32 Key next to F1
33 Chou En- —
36 Avit fan of German computer programs?
42 — effect on (impacts)
44 Divine being
45 Compass pt.
46 Singer Paula

47 Jurist's org.
48 Really bug
51 One fibbing
54 R&B producer
56 Ballerina's jump
57 Promoter of Texas' largest city was obsequious?
62 Foot support
63 "That's show —"
64 Butte's kin
65 Pt. of SSN
66 Not lenient
68 Sound of rebuke
70 Zsa Zsa's sister
72 Buenos —
73 Reliable by scratching
77 It's south of Can.
79 Eyes a bull's-eye, say
83 Fess (up to)
85 "Of — I Sing"
86 Hapless thugs caught in the rain?
91 Prioritize
93 Mauna —
94 Sweet-talk
95 Like Bashful
96 Writer —
97 French ecclesiastics

99 Drama part
101 — Newton
103 Active types
105 Nonlocals visited by ghosts?
111 Mil. bigwig
112 Viral gene material
113 Light blow
114 Myrna of film
115 "... — extra cost!"
118 New year of which there are five anagrams in this puzzle
124 More eene
126 Liken
127 Zsa Zsa's —
128 Promotion at the top of a Web page
129 Sled feature
130 Johnny B. — (1958 hit song)
131 Abur, before "D.A."
132 Sullivan and O'Neill
133 Detects
134 Pitch-dark

14 Safely at first or second
15 Lima's locale
16 Not duped
17 NYC bus insignia
18 —Ops
22 "You fell for it!"
27 Choose, with "for"
28 The latest
34 "What are you, some kind of —?"
35 Not in use
37 Army squad
38 By oneself
39 Hatred
40 "Not likely!"
41 Disapprove of

4 African republic
5 Tim Conway's — on Goll
6 Audio system
7 Deicing
8 Sleekly designed
9 "What — be done?"
10 Learn about via print
11 Most sapient
12 LGA
13 Period after Ford's presidency
14 Safely at first or second
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42 Responses to puns
43 End a mission early
49 Lowe of "Breakaway"
50 Purl's partner
52 Munched
53 — ipsa loquitur
55 Beetles and Goffs, briefly
58 Shriveled up
59 Shih —
60 Singer Carly — Jepsen
61 With 119- Down, "Absolutely not!"
67 Bounced check abbr.
69 Greek letter
71 Wedding part
72 Blows away
74 Egg yolks are high in it
75 "Napoleon Dynamite" star Jon
76 Positive RSVPs
78 ISP of note
80 Mag with an annual "500"
81 "Little Red Book" author
82 Work crew
84 Utmost
86 Loosens, as some shrins
100 Ballerina's skirt
102 Links peg
104 Formal talk
106 Not partial
107 Electroschock weapons
108 Not transparent
109 Romantic hopefuls
110 Big Apple sch.
116 — remind you that ...?"
117 Advent
119 See 61- Down
120 Municipal laws: Abbr.
121 U.S. Senate alumnus Sam
122 Marino and Rather
123 Prego rival
124 Fed. loan agency
125 Mas' mates

Sudoku



Level: Challenging

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a **sudoku**, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

HOROSCOPE

Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Personal matters claim a good deal of the Lamb's time in the early part of the week. But by midweek, pragmatic considerations (work, school, job-seeking, etc.) begin to take priority.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The seasonal shift ignites the Bovine's creative aspects. You could do well if you try to combine your penchant for innovation with the more pragmatic demands of the week.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Ideas come easily to you this week. And never mind that some might suggest they're unworkable and/or impractical. It's your vision that counts. Work them out and see what turns up.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Personal matters continue to dominate the early part of the week. By midweek, more workday issues once again begin to emerge. Balance your time to give both the attention they need.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A new contact could provide an ex-

panded opportunity. But be sure you get all the facts before you consider signing on. Ask questions, and be wary if you don't get the right answers.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) An unexpected development could cause some supposedly resolved disagreements to reignite. Deal with the situation before it leads to some really serious problems.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A clash of work-linked viewpoints needs to be discussed openly, honestly and calmly by all concerned before it can impede progress on an ongoing project.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) The Scorpion's pragmatic side helps you accept the possibility that a change of plans might be the wise thing to do. Be sure to weigh all your considerations carefully.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Some people might not take no for an answer. Never mind. Keep your resolve if you're sure you don't want to be involved

in a potentially sticky situation.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) All other facts and figures aside, it's what you learn about potential colleagues that can be most helpful in assessing any decisions you're likely to make regarding a new project.

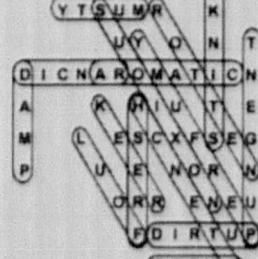
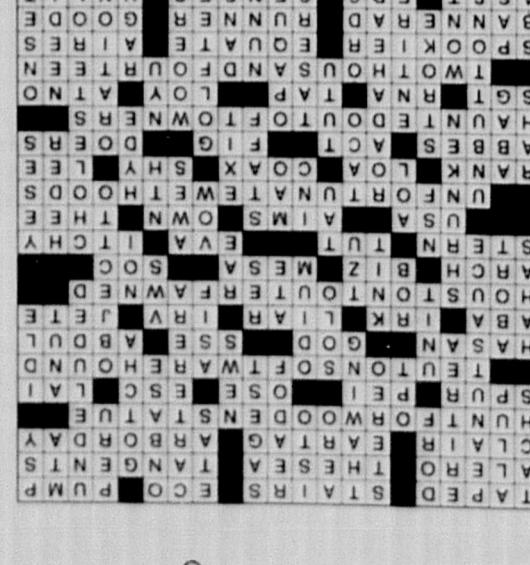
AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You might want to reconsider some of your outside commitments if they continue to demand more time than you can spare. Be honest with yourself when making a decision.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Pay attention to that inner voice of Piscean wisdom counseling you to remove those rose-colored glasses and take an honest look at any decisions you might face this week.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a penchant for persuasion that would make you a fine candidate for a political career.

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SOLUTIONS



CALENDAR

Grace Morrison opens new season at The Blue Moon Coffeehouse

WHEN: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19. **WHERE:** Channing Church, 45 Webster St., Rockland. **INFO:** Grace is an award winning Cape Cod-based singer/songwriter. Grace and her former band, the RSO, won WPRI-12's Big Break Competition and, as a result, a video of the song "The Trouble" was featured during the American Idol finale. Tickets are \$10 at the door; children 12 and under are free. Information: <https://sites.google.com/site/thebluemooncoffeehouse/> or the Facebook page.



Run for the Roses to benefit fight against family violence

WHEN: Registration starts at 8:30 a.m., leaving at 11 a.m. sharp, Sunday, Sept. 20. **WHERE:** Whitman VFW, 95 Essex St., Whitman. **INFO:** Donation is \$25. After the motorcycle run, enjoy a car show featuring Corvettes, hot rods and classic cars along with a cook out, pig roast, raffle and live music with Mark and Wendy and The Kickstands. Bring your old cell phones and accessories, working or not and drop them into the recycle bin. Along with Verizon, the foundation is able to turn old cell phones into phones and services to help the victims of domestic abuse. <http://www.rachelandlillianrosefoundation.org>



Old Ship Church's Coffeehouse off the Square presents The Kennedys

WHEN: Open mike from 8 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19. **WHERE:** Old Ship Parish House, 107 Main St., in Hingham. **INFO:** The duo of Pete and Maura Kennedy combine great playing, creative harmonies, imaginative song writing and memorable solos. Admission is \$15 at the door. 781-749-1767 or go to: www.oldshipchurch.org/coffeeshouse-off-the-square.html.



SATURDAY, SEPT. 19

Annual Animal Blessing Service. Christ Lutheran Church, 460 Chief Justice Cushing Hwy, Scituate, in partnership with the Scituate Animal Shelter, at 10 a.m. All pets must be leashed or crated, and be sure vaccines are up to date. If a pet is not easily transported, if one has qualms about bringing a pet, or if a pet is missing, people are welcome to bring a picture of their pet. There will be a free-will donation to benefit the shelter, and there will also be door prizes. 781-545-5271.

Pilgrim Church Yard Sale. 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Corner of Athens and Sea Street, N. Weymouth. Rain or Shine. PilgrimChurchWeymouth.org

South Shore Walk to End Alzheimer's starts at 8:30 a.m. at Pilgrim Memorial State Park in Plymouth. 800-272-3900 or visit www.alzwalk-manh.org.

Saturday Concert Kick-off at 2 p.m., "Sliding Around the World" brass music with international flair, performed by the Solstice Sackbutts at Ventress Memorial Library, 15 Library Plaza, Marshfield. 781-834-5535

Endless Summer Waterfront Festival from noon to 5 p.m. at Nantasket Avenue, Hull - Between Park Ave. & Wharf Ave. Cost: Free for Visitors. www.EndlessSummerHull.com. Rain date: Sept. 20.

Fall Festival craft fair hosted by the Great Island Artisans Guild will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Great Island Overlook Clubhouse, 149 Great Island Road, Plymouth.

Colors All Media Show, at Gallery 4, E. T. Wright Building, 379 Liberty St., Floor 1 Rockland, Sept. 19-Oct. 31. Artists Reception: Sunday, Sept. 20, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Soule Homestead Harvest Fair and Joe Davies Folk Music Festival will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. tomorrow, at 46 Soule St., Middleborough. Headliners today are The Kennedys (Pete and Maura), folk music duo. Enjoy two days of family fun, music and food to celebrate the fall harvest with activities for all ages. Admission is \$7 per person; children under age 6 are free. 508-947-6744 or soulehome-stead.org

Annual Charitable Auction hosted by the Abington Rotary Club, at 7 p.m. at Abington K of C Hall, 254 Hancock St., Abington. Silent and live auction items, wine and cheese table.

King Richard's Faire, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, through Oct. 25, and Monday Columbus Day, at 235 Main St. in Carver. Tickets are \$29 per adult (12+) and \$16 per child (ages 4-11). Children under 4 are admitted free and parking is free. Call 508-866-5391 or email info@kingrichardsfaire.net

Don't Dress for Dinner presented by The North River Theater is a fast-paced comedic farce set in the French countryside. Show dates are: Friday's Sept. 25, Saturday's Sept. 19 and 26 at 8 p.m. Doors open 45 minutes prior to each performance. Cabaret-style seating with a cash bar. Patrons can bring their own snacks. Tickets are \$20 and can be reserved by calling 781-826-4878. The North River Theater is at 513 River St., Norwell. www.northrivertheater.org

The Odd Couple, a Neil Simon comedy, will be performed at 7:30 p.m. at Priscilla Beach Theatre, 800 Rocky Hill Road, Plymouth. Tickets are \$25. \$15 for seniors. Visit www.pbtheatre.org call 508-224-4888.

James Montgomery performs at 8 p.m. at The Spire Center for Performing Arts, 25 1/2 Court St., Plymouth. Tickets are \$25. For more information, to order tickets visit www.spirecenter.org.

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Hingham Jazz Festival, South Shore Conservatory will present its two-day Hingham Jazz Festival beginning at 5 p.m. today and 11 a.m. tomorrow, in the Jane Carr Amphitheater at 1 Conservatory Drive in Hingham. Tickets are available at www.sscmusic.org/hingham-jazz-festival.html or by calling 781-749-7565, ext. 20. Tickets for Saturday are \$40/adults. The 11 a.m. Sunday Jazz Brunch is \$15/person and the Sunday music-only is \$25. SSC students may attend any Saturday or Sunday concert, with exception of the brunch, for free. Non-SSC students may purchase a Saturday/Sunday, music-only ticket for \$10. For more information visit www.sscmusic.org or follow on Facebook.

Cruisin featuring Ann Merlin at The Tavern, One Proprietors Drive, Marshfield. 781-837-0000.

Hard Case at Next Page Café, 550 Broad St., Weymouth. 781-340-1300.

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SUNDAY, SEPT. 20

36th annual Fall and Christmas Craft Fair hosted by the Abington Music parents Association from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Abington High School gymnasium located off Route 18 on Gliewicz Way. Admission is \$2 per person and \$1 for senior citizens. Over 80 crafters have registered to sell their creations at this year's event. The Abington Lions Club will run the snack bar outside.

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DoggiePawLoza, from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Wompatuck State Park in Hingham, sponsored by Standish Humane Society. DoggiePawLoza, has no entry fee and something for everyone. There will be an optional 3-mile walk through the state forest, live music, face painting, animal sketches, great food, dog contests, animal behavior advice, dog agility and training demonstrations, raffles, a bouncy house, and much, much more. There will also be a number of vendors and exhibitors. Well-mannered leashed dogs are welcome, but they must have a current rabies vaccination tag, and have all vaccinations up to date. 508-224-2585 or lynn.allain@gmail.com.

Traditional Irish Session with Skip Toomey every Sunday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Tinker's Son, 707 Main St., Norwell. 781-561-7361. thetinkerson.com.

Steve Rapson kicks off Boston Classical Guitar Society series at 3 p.m. in the Hingham Library, 66 Leavitt St., Hingham. Steve Rapson, a solo finger style guitarist, will perform at the Hingham Public Library. This free concert kicks off this year's Sunday Sounds Special series sponsored by the library and the Boston Classical Guitar Society. www.steverapson.com.

Auditions: A Christmas Carol by Massasoit Theatre Company at 3 p.m. Prepare 16 bars of a standard Christmas carol. No pop songs. Bring sheet music in proper key. Accompanist will be provided. People may be asked to stay and read. Callbacks if needed will be Sept. 22 at 7:30 p.m. Massasoit Community College, One Massasoit Blvd. (off Rte. 27) Brockton. 508-588-9100, ext. 1982. mrocheteau@massasoit.mass.edu

Audition with The Hat Trick Theatre of Plymouth for their production of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" at Kendall Hall, First Parish Church, Town Square, Plymouth, today at 2 p.m. and Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. Adults and children of all ages. Auditions will consist of reading from a script and everyone should be willing to sing. Rehearsals will be Saturday morning and one week night. Information: email Sally Wright-Hull at hattriq98@aol.com or call 774-454-3575.

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Open mike with Bill Downes at The Tinker's Son, 707 Main St., Norwell, 4 to 8 p.m. 781-561-7361. thetinkerson.com.

MONDAY, SEPT. 21

The Abington Garden Club meets at noon at the Parish Hall of the United Church of Christ, Rte. 18, Bedford Street, Abington led by Linda Masabny and Ann Colby, (Co-Presidents). A luncheon will be served by Karen Arakelian and her staff. The program beginning at 1 p.m., titled "Best Places for Birds to Live/Landscaping for the Birds" will be led by Sally Avery, an active birding instructor and volunteer for the Mass. Audubon North River Sanctuary. The public is invited.

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Eighth annual Harvest Moon Feast presented by North & South Rivers Watershed Association's at the Mill Wharf Restaurant in Scituate Harbor from 6 to 9 p.m. the evening will also offer live jazz performed by Lance Van Lenten's jazz quartet, and complimentary fine beer and wine tastings. Cash bar is available. Tickets are \$60 per person (or 6 tickets for the price of 5), and can be ordered online at nsrwa.org or obtained by check or credit card. Make checks payable to NSRWA, P.O. Box 43, Norwell, MA 02061. [www.nsrwa.org](http://nsrwa.org) or 781-659-8168.

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HOW TO SUBMIT

Planning an event? Send your event information by email to scalendar@wickedlocal.com or by fax to 781-837-4543. Listings must be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event. Email photos as a jpeg attachment at a resolution of at least 200 dpi and no smaller than 3 X 5 inches in size. For more information call 781-837-4518.

An Evening of Poetry with Winston Bolton

at 6:30 p.m. at Holmes Public Library, 470 Plymouth St., Halifax. Reading from "Among Ruins" (WordTech). Copies will be available for sale, but no purchase is necessary to attend this free event. Light refreshments served. holmespubliclibrary.org or 781-293-2271.

New Beginnings Singles Support Group, Inc. for newly widowed, separated or divorced adults, meets on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at a new location in the Abington Senior Center at 441 Summer St., Abington. NB: is a singles support organization dedicated to healing, growing and learning; not a dating service. Information: visit <http://nbneworwell.org/>, email at info@nbneworwell.org or call 781-499-2659.

Texas Hold'em at Black Raspberry, free Texas Hold'em with the Northern Poker League at 7 and 10 p.m. at Black Raspberry Pub, 36 Cordage Park Circle, Plymouth. 508-830-0022.

Open mike night 8:30 p.m. Mondays at Main Street Sports Bar & Grill, 39 Main St., Plymouth, 774-283-4129. www.mainsportsbarandgrill.com.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 22

The Choral Art Society of the South Shore will be kicking off its 57th season. Prospective new members are welcome at the "open" rehearsal of the season tonight. Rehearsals are held on Tuesdays from 7:30 - 9:30 pm at the First Trinitarian Congregational Church, 381 Country Way, Scituate. This is a non-auditioned community chorus. Voices are needed for all parts - soprano, alto, tenor, and bass. The ability to read music is not essential, but is helpful. www.choralsartsociety.org

Meet Casey Sherman and Dave Wedge, authors of "From Strong: A City's Triumph over Tragedy" at 7 p.m. at Tufts Library, 46 Broad St., Weymouth. After their talk and a Q&A, copies of the book will be available for purchase for the authors to sign. Refreshments will be served.

Ballroom Dancing every Tuesday from 7:30 to 11 p.m. at The Viking Club, 410 Quincy Avenue, Route 53, Braintree. Live bands every week. Singles and couples welcomed. Admission is \$10. Information: 781-784-2678 or 781-335-3171.

South Shore Men of Harmony rehearse every Tuesday at Hingham Community Center, 70 South St., Hingham, from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. 781-337-SING (7464).

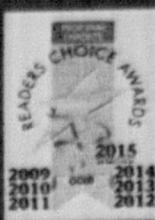
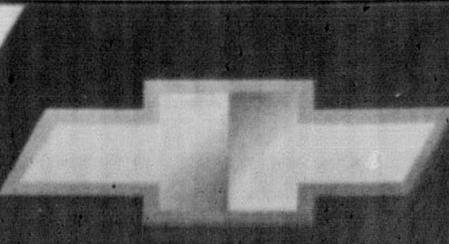
Open mike with Jackson Wetherbee every Tuesday at The Tinker's Son, 707 Main St., Norwell. 781-561-7361. 9 p.m. thetinkerson.com.

Jazz at Martinis, Tuesdays from 7 to 10 p.m. at Martinis, 50 Court St., Plymouth, featuring the Kenny Wenzel jazz group 774-773-9782 or visit www.martinisplymouth.com.

Wicked Trivia with Pat Lally, 7:30-9:30 p.m. at British Beer Company, 15 Columbia Road, Pembroke, 781-829-6999.



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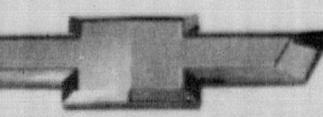
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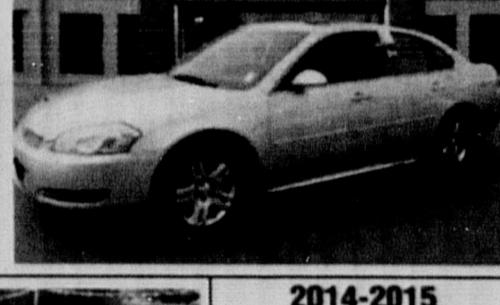
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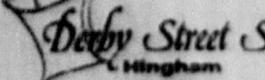
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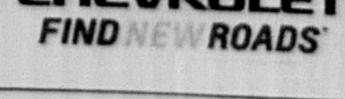
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